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Sadat's campaign against Kingdom, PLO denounced

BEIRUT, May 2 (AP) — Saudi Arabia lashed back at Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Wednesday, as the Palestine Liberation Organization pledged to undermine Sadat's future autonomy negotiations with the United States and Israel for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Saudi Arabia and the PLO were reacting to Sadat's May Day speech in which he accused the Kingdom of "paying off" other Arab countries to break off diplomatic relations with Egypt.

Sadat alleged that current Saudi leaders departed from the traditional policy of "special relationship" with Egypt that was charted by the late King Faisal.

Sadat claimed King Faisal advised him before the 1973 war not to trust Syrian President Hafez Assad.

"Sadat is a liar," said Riyadh radio. "he even lies about the dead."

The broadcast accused Sadat of trying to drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Syria, which was Egypt's partner in the 1973 war, now heads the Arab front that opposes Sadat's separate peace treaty with Israel.

Sadat accused the Saudi leadership of succumbing to "pressure

and threats" from Arab radicals. The Egyptian leader claimed Assad threatened at the Arab summit conference in Baghdad last November to "take the struggle to the bedrooms" of other Arab leaders if they refrained from opposing the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Turning to the PLO, Sadat said the organization was made up of "twenty bickering groups that have been accusing each other of treason."

There, he said, he will not let the fate of the West Bank and Gaza fall into the hands of "these people."

"The West Bank and Gaza do not belong to the PLO. They belong to us and to the rest of the Arab nation," Sadat said.

"The PLO does not need a certification from Sadat to prove its right to leading the Palestinian people," said a PLO statement.

"West Bankers, Gazans and other Palestinians in diaspora have demonstrated their allegiance to the PLO by heroic deeds and martyrdom."

The statement promised to "continue armed and diplomatic struggle against Sadat's new allies, the Israeli Zionists, to terminate their occupation of Palestinian

soil."

Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza in 1967. The PLO statement accused Sadat of "seeking to sell both Palestinian regions, including the Arab sector of Jerusalem, to Israel for a handful of dollars."

Lebanon, which hosts the bulk of Palestinian commandos said through its state radio "Sadat has burnt his bridges with the whole Arab world" by his May Day speech.

Lebanon also reacted strongly to Sadat's speech accusing the Egyptian president of treachery to the Arab cause. The official Jamahiriya News Agency (Jana) said Sadat had shown ingratitude for all the help received from other Arab states.

Jana said in a commentary that states like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Libya had given assistance to Sadat because "he claimed he would launch a war to liberate the occupied lands and defend the national cause."

Instead he had formed "a strategic alliance with the enemy and America and challenges the Arab nation," it added.

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Numeiri envoy to visit Libya, Algeria

KHARTOUM, May 2 (AP) — Sudan's vice president is scheduled to begin a tour on Friday of Libya and Algeria.

The announcement Tuesday night by Sudan's official news agency followed a statement by Sudan Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah earlier in the day that Sudan had disassociated itself from the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has been President Anwar Sadat's strongest supporter and Sudan is one of only four Arab countries that have not severed diplomatic ties with Egypt

The news agency said Vice-President Rashid al-Tahir will carry a handwritten message to Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi. His three-day tour is the first ministerial-level visit since Libya was accused of backing a 1976 coup attempt against Numeiri.

Tahir is scheduled to deliver a similar message to Algerian President Chadli Bejjed before going on to Morocco to discuss the peace treaty and other Middle East issues at the Islamic foreign ministers' conference, scheduled for May 7-12 in Fez.

The news agency said Tahir would visit Libya at the invitation of the Qaddafi government to discuss "bilateral relations and areas of common interest." No other details were given.

Tahir is to be accompanied by Maj.-Gen. Omar al-Tayeb, Sudan's chief of state security who visited Libya last year.

With Assad

Khaddam meets Sarkis to prepare for summit

BEIRUT, May 2 (Agencies) — Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam arrived here Wednesday and immediately called on Lebanese President Hafez Assad.

Press reports have said Khaddam would discuss with Lebanese leaders arrangements for a summit between Sarkis and Syrian President Hafez Assad. Wednesday's meeting at the presidential palace near Beirut was attended by Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros.

The summit would discuss the situation in Lebanon, where Syria provides a 30,000-man peacekeeping Arab Deterrent Force (ADF).

A major topic on the summit agenda will be south Lebanon, where rebel Maj. Saad Haddad, commander of right militias has declared a "Free Lebanon" in the territory under his control along

Iran charges external foes behind murder of Ayatollah

TEHRAN, May 2 (Agencies) — Iran Wednesday accused its external enemies of being behind Tuesday night's murder of Ayatollah Morteza Motahari, head of the country's powerful Revolutionary Council.

The 60-year-old religious and revolutionary leader, a close confederate of Ayatollah Khomeini, was shot in the head by unidentified gunmen as he left the home of a prime ministerial aide in east Tehran late Tuesday night.

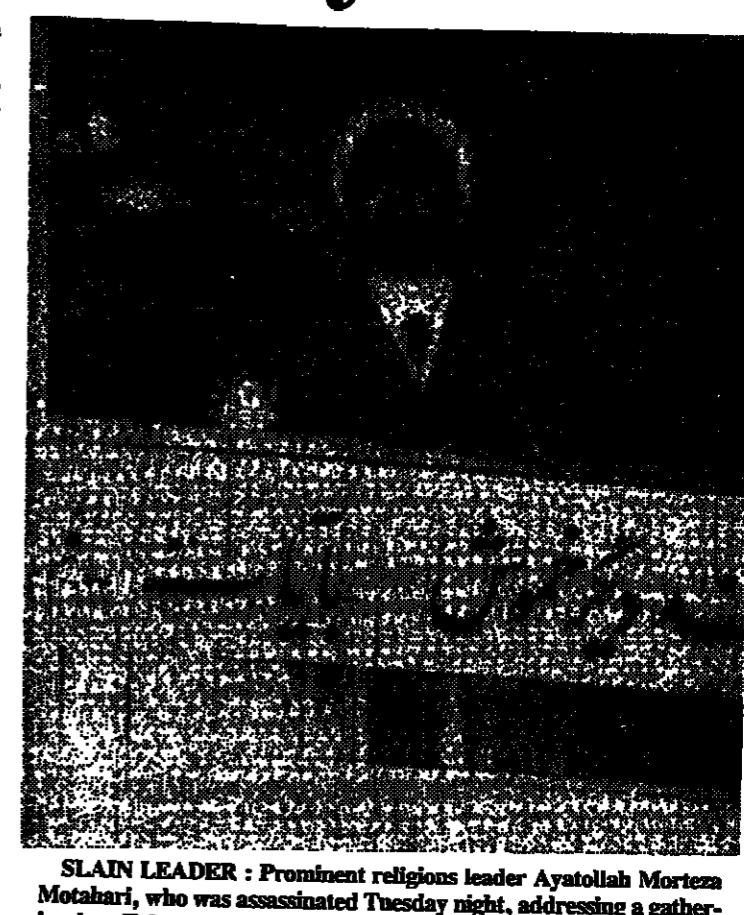
A note found near the fatally wounded man said the little known Forqan organization was responsible. The group projects the image of a fundamentalist religious guerrilla movement but its background is unknown.

"These sworn enemies will spare no time in creating disruption and in leading the course of the revolution astray. They want to replace a peaceful situation by one of assassinations by their internal agents," the commentary said.

The assassination provoked spontaneous demonstrations throughout the provinces of Iran and students in Tehran boycotted classes. Shops and schools closed in a number of provincial capitals.

The government declared a day of national mourning for Thursday when Ayatollah Motahari's body will be taken from Tehran University for burial at the holy city of Qom, 133 kms south of the

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SLAIN LEADER: Prominent religious leader Ayatollah Morteza Motahari, who was assassinated Tuesday night, addressing a gathering in a Tehran mosque earlier in the week. (AP Photo)

No withdrawal from Golani, West Bank, Begin repeats

TEL AVIV, May 2 (Agencies)

— Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Wednesday Israel would never withdraw from the Golani Heights even under a peace treaty with Syria.

In an hour-long radio interview, Begin also stressed Israel's refusal to withdraw from the West Bank.

"There will never again be a border in the western part of the land of Israel," the prime minister said.

Asked if he would be prepared to withdraw from the Golani Heights in return for peace, he replied:

"We shall never withdraw from the Golani Heights. There is no such thing as giving up security in return for peace. There is no peace without security. Without the Golani Heights there is no security. We shall therefore make peace while we are still on the Golani Heights."

Begin said the Israeli proposals for Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would give them full administrative self-rule.

He added "the Arab countries

— but not legislative status.

"...its autonomy plan afford the West Bank and Gaza residents full administrative autonomy while giving Israel security and maintaining the right of Jews to settle in the Golani Heights."

The premier said he would outline his proposals Thursday to a ministerial committee on autonomy. The details would be made public and would be debated by the foreign affairs and security committee of the Knesset (parliament).

He said no target date had been set for the discussions on autonomy due to begin with Egypt shortly, though they should be completed within a year. "We want the talks to be successful, but shall not negotiate under pressure of a timetable," he said.

The prime minister stressed there was no connection between the peace treaty with Egypt and other aspects of the Middle East problem.

He added "the Arab countries

which have not made peace with Egypt did not represent a threat to Israel's existence."

Begin went on: "We have made peace with Egypt, the largest and most powerful of the Arab states. Other problems still remain — with Syria, Jordan and Iraq. But they are not a threat to our existence. If they attack us we will know what to do — we usually defend ourselves by a counter-attack."

Begin reiterated that Israel would never negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

He said he had protested to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at an American decision to allow Shafiq Al-Hout, a senior PLO member, to visit the United States. "Mr. Vance replied that the visa had been issued only for a limited period. That period had already ended and the man concerned had already left the U.S.," Begin said.

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U.K. race seen almost even as voters head to polls today

resulted in Labor getting more seats but failing to establish a solid parliamentary power base.

The third-ranking Liberal Party, whose standing has recovered in the latest polls, Wednesday predicted it would hold the balance of power after the vote.

Liberal leader David Steel said he would be prepared to work with either Labor or the Conservatives. Both Callaghan and Mrs. Thatcher have said Britain would benefit from strong one-party rule.

Mrs. Thatcher, pledging she would launch a head-on fight against socialism, appealed to undecided voters not to swing behind the Liberals or other minority parties.

Composed and cheerful, she reiterated the position she has hammered home for the past five

weeks: Britain is becoming too dependent on the state and must rekindle free enterprise and individualism.

Callaghan, speaking from his constituency in the Welsh capital of Cardiff, told the record electorate of 41.5 million that "if you vote Conservative you will vote for change with chaos."

"If you vote for Labor you will vote for change which will be controlled."

For the first time in the campaign he had deputy labor leader Michael Foot, a left-winger, by his side. The conservatives have accused the prime minister of keeping the leftists out of sight for fear of scaring away voters.

Polling for the 635 seats in the House of Commons takes place from 0600 to 2100GMT with a record 2,575 candidates running.

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"It was essential that this be implemented through the prompt withdrawal of foreign occupation forces," Blum said.

"It is obvious," he claimed "that in the present situation of foreign domination and intervention in Lebanon, imposed by Syria and the so-called PLO against the true interests of the people of Lebanon, the concepts of Lebanese sovereignty and 'Lebanese government's effective authority' cannot be realized."

Israel supported the council's objective of the return of the Lebanon government's effective authority over all of its territory, Blum claimed.

"This was the crux of the matter," he went on. "It was a regrettable fact that for all practical purposes Lebanon was occupied and controlled by foreign forces, namely by the Syrian army and the PLO."

An opinion poll in Tuesday's "Daily Mail" gave Labor a tiny, 0.7 per cent lead over the Conservatives — the first time any of the numerous surveys have put the party ahead.

It fuelled speculation that Britain might again have a "hung parliament" without either party securing a clear majority. The two previous elections, both in 1974,

Towed from Antarctica

Kingdom may get iceberg water next year

By Elias Haddad
JEDDAH, May 2 — Early next year Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal will be ready to supply water from icebergs towed from the Antarctic to consumers in the Kingdom and other arid lands.

He said in an interview that experts would submit reports on exploiting icebergs to a meeting in December in Cambridge, and after that "we will go into contracts."

Scientists from the United States, Europe, Egypt and Lebanon working for Prince Muhammad's research firm IFF have apparently agreed that the venture is practical. He has set up a company, Iceberg Transport International, to handle carrying.

Antarctica, he said, is like the high seas, an open region that any state can exploit. It holds 90 per cent of the fresh water on Earth, and when the world is threatened by a shortage of water, drought and pollution, icebergs are a more than practical source of water.

The technical problems involved in transporting icebergs so far have been resolved. A medium-sized block of ice, weighing several tons, has a draught of



ICEBERG : Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal explains his plans for supplying arid lands with water by towing icebergs from Antarctica.

about 250 meters, and it would be cut into slabs for towing the 60-meter deep Bab-Al-Mandeb straits between Eritrea and South Yemen.

"The iceberg will not even be covered, as some reports have said. We discovered that it takes a longer time to melt than we had

thought, as a film of water acts as insulation for the ice."

There are apparently no possible dangers of harm to the environment from the project: "On the contrary, it will improve the environment by increasing vegetation, and there will be none of the pollution given out by power

plants."

Food production in an area like Saudi Arabia could also be increased three times.

Prince Muhammad estimates that one iceberg may hold enough water to supply the world for a year, although he could not tow a vast a bulk.

Saudi Arabia would need over four billion tons of water a year by the year 2000, while production from the usual sources is expected then to be running at one billion tons a year.

The cost of satisfying that demand, in infrastructure, labor and technology "dwarfs even the budget of Saudi Arabia."

Fully exploited, his iceberg project could eventually produce a flow of fresh water equivalent to 22 times that of the Nile.

Prince Muhammad estimates the cost of research and towing the iceberg to an arid country at \$100 million, but if it were sold at the international average price of 50 cents a ton, he could be earning about \$30 million a year.



PILGRIM PLANS : Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz presides over a meeting in Mecca of the Higher Committee for the Pilgrimage.

Message delivered

Khaled contacts Tunis leader

He said in an arrival statement that the message he was carrying was part of permanent contacts between the two countries in the best interests of the Arab nation.

Tayyib Al-Sabbani, the secret-

Jeddah newspaper suspended

RIYADH, May 2 (SPA) — "Al-Medina" daily of Jeddah will be suspended for two days, starting Wednesday. An announcement said that the penalty was owing to imprecise reporting inconsistent with the tenets of Islam.

Bahrain heir receives aide

MANAMA, May 2 (SPA) — Sheikh Hamad bin Issa Al-Khalifa, heir-apparent and defense minister of Bahrain Tuesday received Sheikh Abdullah Melhi, head of civil aviation, who arrived here last Monday on several days' visit.

Saudia plans new offices

DAMMAM, May 2 (SPA) — Saudia plans to open offices in Jubail and Ihsa as well as an additional ticket office at Dhahran Airport. Regional Manager for the Eastern Province Abdul Rahman Al-Mugbel said Wednesday. The sale of tickets for Dhahran to Riyadh flights will begin at 2 a.m. instead of 4 p.m., and that the Al-Khobar office will work from 7:30 a.m. till 9:30 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

Nejran girls' schools to open

NEIRAN, May 2 (SPA) — Five more girls' schools are to be opened in Nejran, in Shiba, Harsha, Beni Ali, Khashewa and Al-Qarn, the General Presidency of Girls' Education says.

Indonesia minister leaves

JEDDAH, May 2 (SPA) — Indonesian Minister of Manpower Haroun Zein left for home Wednesday after a visit of several days and talks with Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Angari, minister of labor and social affairs.

Former Dacca president, Tunis minister

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, May 2 — A former president of Bangladesh and a former foreign minister of Tunisia are to contest the post of secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, possibly standing against Amadou Karim Gaye, the present holder of the post.

Bangladesh Ambassador Humayun Rashid Choudhury said Wednesday that Justice Abu Said Choudhury of his country and Habib Chatty of Tunisia would run in the voting at the Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference in Morocco next week.

Dr. Gaye is reported willing to stand, but his taking on another term would involve the amendment of the OIC's charter, as he

has already served his maximum two years.

Choudhury was the first president of Bangladesh, serving from 1972 to 1975. Trained as a barrister in England, he has been a justice of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and foreign minister. He is 58.

Chatti, 63, is a former journalist. He served as Tunisian foreign minister from 1974 to 1977. He was interned for three years before independence by the French, for part of that time in the same camp as President Bourguiba.

He has been his country's ambassador to London, Tehran, Damascus, Beirut, Baghdad, Ankara, Rabat and Algiers, and a member of the Tunisian delegation to the United Nations

entrusted with the issue of decolonization and the Palestine question.

Dr. Gaye leaves for Fez, Thursday for the foreign ministers conference opening there May 8.

The five-day conference will be preceded, May 5-7, by a meeting of high officials of the organization's 42 member states.

The work of the conference will be given to four committees: one for political and information affairs, one for economic and social affairs, one for cultural and Islamic affairs, and one for administrative and financial affairs.

Before tackling the political problems, the conference is to amend the OIC charter to extend to four years the mandate of the secretary general, after which it

will elect the new secretary general.

It will then be briefed by Dr. Gaye on the General Secretariat's following up the resolutions of the Ninth Islamic Conference held in Dakar last year.

The Middle East and Palestinian problems, and the issue of Egypt's possible suspension from the Conference, will top the agenda.

The conference will also discuss a proposal by the PLO that August 21 each year (the date of the arson of Al-Aqsa Mosque) be observed as "Solidarity Day with the Struggle of the People of Palestine."

Other topics include Israel's transfer of embassies and diplomatic representations from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and the

issuance of a Palestine stamp.

The OIC was set up by the first Islamic Summit Conference held in Rabat in 1969, in which the late King Faisal played a prominent role.

The decision to establish the OIC was partly motivated by the consternation and shock throughout the Islamic world from the fire of Al-Aqsa mosque, in Jerusalem, Islam's third holiest shrine.

Dr. Amadou Karim Gaye

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Polisario repeats claim Mauritania bandoning Sahara

ALGIERS, May 2 (R) — Polisario guerrillas fighting for the independence of Western Sahara said Tuesday night Mauritania had agreed to surrender its part of the desert territory to them.

Mauritania has already denied making such a deal, first reported the Libyan News Agency JANA five days ago.

Bur Polisario spokesman Muhammad Salem Ould Salek said JANA was right in saying a protocol signed in Tripoli between Mauritania and Libya last month did agree to a handover.

Mauritania has governed about a third of Western Sahara — with Morocco running the rest — since Spain ceded control of its former colony in 1976.

Algeria backs the Polisario and Tuesday Spanish Premier Adolfo Suarez, visiting Algiers, joined Algeria in calling for a quick "decolonization" of the territory.

Ould Salek said his forces and Mauritania would resume talks in Tripoli on May 26 to arrange the handover of power.

In a related development, Mali President Moussa Traore andigerian Head of State Olusegun Obasanjo have returned to amako, Mali, after a brief visit to Mauritania Tuesday night as part their efforts to resolve the Western Sahara dispute.

Official sources said the two leaders planned to leave for Algiers bursday where it was believed they would meet leaders of the Polisario Front, which is fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara. From Algiers they were to go on to Rabat.

In Rabat, Mauritanian Prime Minister Ahmad Ould Boucif wednesday conferred with King Hassan of Morocco on the Western Sahara after talks in Nouakchott Tuesday with the African mediation am.

Boucif said after meeting the King in Fez that relations between Morocco and Mauritania were "normal, natural, historic and confident will remain so whatever the circumstances."

Afghanistan apology urged prior to naming U.S. envoy

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP) — The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee moved Tuesday to block appointment of a new ambassador to Afghanistan until country apologizes for a recent statement by Ambassador Adolf

be committee also voted to recommend the Senate cut off all to Afghanistan until an apology has been received.

Dubs was abducted by gunmen from his car on Feb. 14 and taken to a hotel room in Kabul, the Afghan capital.

Afghan police, said to be assisted by Soviet advisers, disregarded pleas not to attack the room. Dubs was found shot to death after the raid.

ishop denies accusations

SAVAK paid Muzorewa, Iran charges

IRAN, May 2 (Agencies) — The Iranian Foreign Ministry accused Rhodesia's Prime Minister-elect, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, of having received \$ from the Shah's SAVAK police and said it would not quit his government.

statement broadcast by the BBC of the Islamic Republic Tuesday said the Iranian government supported the Patriotic front of black guerrilla leaders like Nkombo and Robert

bishop Muzorewa, who has been received a promise with (white Rhodesian) Ian Smith, apart from being financed by SAVAK and AK agents, also had the oling of his children paid by Iranian treasury," the ministry

accused the Shah of helping white regimes in Rhodesia and Africa by supplying them with oil.

Turkish minister off to Madrid

ANKARA, May 2 (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Gunduz Okcu left Wednesday for Madrid on a three-day official visit, the foreign ministry said. Okcu is expected to be received by King Juan Carlos during his stay. He will leave Madrid on Friday to attend an Islamic conference foreign ministers' meeting scheduled to start in Rabat next Monday.

Anti-Iranian bias alleged in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department accused owners and managers of an apartment complex in Atlanta, Georgia, Tuesday with discriminating against Iranian tenants. The department said the owners of the Darlington apartments tried to evict Iranians solely because of their national origin.



FIRST PASSAGE: The Israeli cargo ship Ashdod crossing the Suez Canal Monday. Ashdod returned to Haifa port Tuesday after completing the first passage by an Israeli ship through the Suez Canal. Before Israel and Egypt put their peace treaty into effect, Israeli ships had to sail all the way around Africa to get from Eilat to Israel's ports on the Mediterranean.

Billy Carter's relationship with Libya said probed by FBI

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 2 (AP) — The FBI is investigating Billy Carter's relationship with the Libyan government, questioning an Atlanta area real estate developer who acted as a go-between for the two parties, the "Atlanta Constitution" reports.

The developer, Tom Jordan of suburban College Park, told the newspaper that FBI agents questioned him Tuesday about arrangements for Carter's trip to Libya last September.

Jordan, who accompanied the president's brother on the trip, called it a "goodwill visit."

Carter was criticized earlier this year for serving as host for a reciprocal visit by a Libyan delegation. Libya has been characterized by the State Department as a supporter of "international terrorism."

The Justice Department sent Carter two letters shortly after the Libyans' visit, asking him for information about his ties with the Arab country. U.S. law requires United States citizens acting in behalf of foreign governments to register as foreign agents.

Carter has not responded to the letters, according to a government spokesman.

Jordan, according to the "Constitution's" early Wednesday editions, said that the FBI questioned him about how last fall's trip to Libya was arranged, who picked up the tab and whether the Libyans had asked Carter to help with investments in the United States.

He said he told the FBI agents that "a line of communication was opened up with Libya and that is the only reason Billy Carter went to Libya."

Despite the apparent eagerness of the Libyans to do business in the United States, no business was discussed on the eight-day trip, Jordan said.



Billy Carter

New Chad government sworn in

PARIS, May 2 (AP) — The provisional government in Chad, formed in March to end months of factional violence in that central African nation, has turned over power to a new chief of state, the Sudanese news agency SUNA reported from the Chadian capital of N'Djamena.

The report said Col. Muhammad Shawwa, a 39-year-old official in Chad's Social Security Department, took the oath of office Monday night at ceremonies in N'Djamena.

It was administered by Goukouni Oueddei, leader of the Chad National Liberation Front who has served as provisional chief of state since a peace agreement was reached in March in Kano, Nigeria.

Shawwa formed a new 20-member government, according to SUNA, to prepare for free elections for a national assembly within one year.

Oueddei becomes minister of the interior and Hissen Habre, the former rebel leader and then prime minister, takes the defense ministry.

A Frolinat spokesman said he believed the government has a good chance of survival because all factions represented were united in opposition to Libyan incursions into northern Chad.

The government is comprised of seven Christians and three Muslims from southern Chad, and 10 northerners from various factions of the Frolinat Liberation Movement.

Chad has an estimated 4.5 million inhabitants, of whom about half are black Christians and animists, farmers concentrated in the southern part of the country. The remainder are mostly Muslims in the north.

The government in N'Djamena

20-man cabinet

New Chad government sworn in

has been under control of the southern leaders since the end of French rule in 1960. Numerous factions in the north have been fighting since independence to wrest control of the government and have taken over most of the country.

Nearly all of the rebel factions and President Felix Malloum agreed at the peace conference on a new government of national unity. Malloum resigned and was replaced temporarily by Oueddei.

Shawwa never fought with any of the rebel groups and only recently. When fighting broke out in the capital in February between Malloum's regular troops and the rebel army of the north of Prime Minister Hissen Habre, Shawwa was working in the Social Security Department and studying at N'Djamena University.

Shawwa was born June 15, 1939, at Mao, about 75 miles northeast of Lake Chad. From 1971, he studied at the Institute of Administration in Paris.

Vice President of the new transitional government is Gen. Djogo who was appointed chief of staff of the armed forces in February.

Djogo was born Feb. 2, 1932 in the southern city of Sarh, a

member of the influential Sara tribe.

Djogo reportedly lost many relatives in the massacres in southern Chad in February in which as many as 10,000 persons are said to have been slaughtered by southern tribes. He toured the region trying to end the killings.

He entered the French army in 1951, in Algeria, and left as a captain in 1962. In 1975, Djogo was accused of a plot against the government of President Francois Tombalbaye and imprisoned for 11 days before the coup that brought Malloum to power.

Arab workers to boycott U.S., Egypt transport

BEIRUT, May 2 (R) — The Pan-Arab Workers Federation has proclaimed a boycott of Egyptian and American air and sea transport.

There was no immediate indication of the effect of the boycott, which was announced in Damascus Tuesday night.

The federation called on all Arab parties and organizations to support the ban,

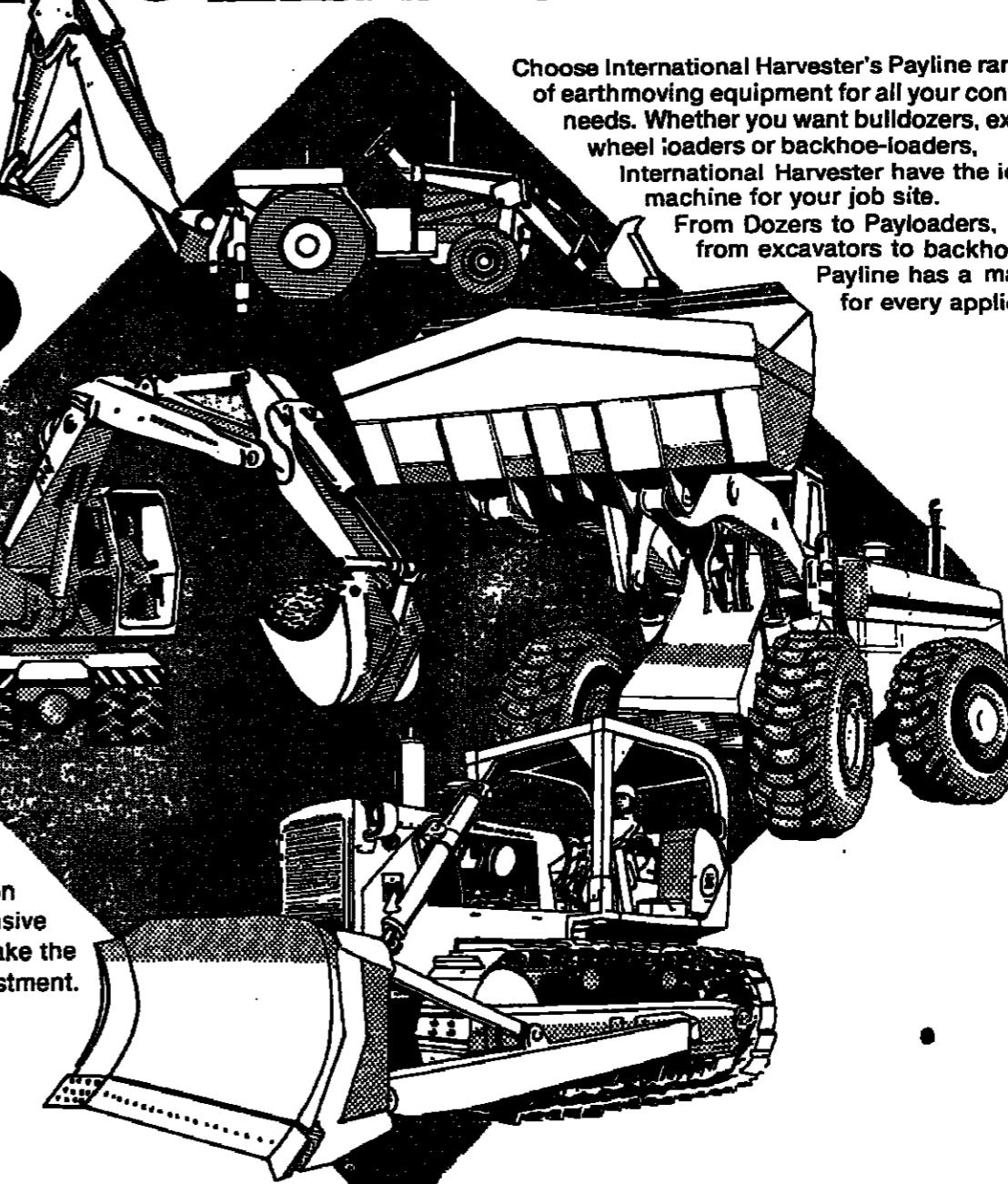


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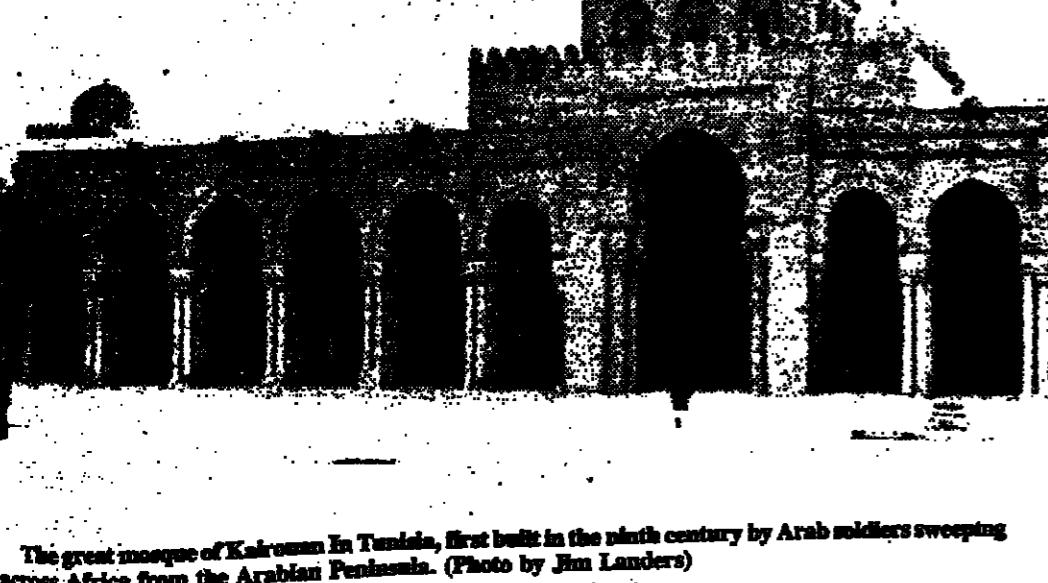
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The great mosque of Kairouan in Tunisia, first built in the ninth century by Arab soldiers sweeping across Africa from the Arabian Peninsula. (Photo by Jim Landers)

Ex-official may have lied about lost U.S. atom fuel

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP) — A former high-ranking energy official may have purposely misled the U.S. Congress in 1977 about the disappearance of bomb-grade uranium from a Pennsylvania plant, the Energy Department's inspector general has charged.

In a report released this week, the department said Robert Fri, former acting administrator of the Energy Research and Development Administration, gave false testimony when he said he was unaware that a federal agency suspected the atomic fuel was stolen.

The Justice Department, which reviewed the report, concluded that it contains insufficient evidence to support the inspector general's conclusion that Fri may have made false statements.

Fri, now an energy consultant in the private sector, denies the

report's allegations.

"We went to a great deal of trouble to make sure the testimony was accurate and it is accurate," he said by telephone. "The Justice Department has found insufficient evidence to support the conclusion and I consider the matter closed."

The Energy Department findings are based on a probe conducted after Fri's August 1977 testimony before the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

"We found facts showing that (Fri) may have made intentionally inaccurate statements about his knowledge of a U.S. intelligence agency's views on the alleged diversion of special nuclear material," said the 10-page report, prepared by Deputy Inspector General Thomas Williamson.

"In the first of his two interviews with our investigators, Mr. Fri stated that he had been briefed

twice by representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency," the report said.

Though the CIA's official conclusions were edited from the report, the agency reportedly suspects the missing uranium may have been smuggled to Israel for use in nuclear weapons.

FBI documents indicate there is no evidence the uranium left the country, and to date no charges have been made in connection with the missing fuel.

The case centers on the disappearance in the early 1960s of about 93 kilograms of uranium from the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corp., a private uranium processing firm in Apollo, Pennsylvania.

Fri has said he never saw a signed document or heard from an authoritative CIA official that the agency definitely concluded the uranium was stolen.

But the inspector general's report, pointing to Fri's CIA briefings and evidence that Fri inspected sensitive CIA documents prior to the hearing, disagrees with that account.

Nuclear accident in another U.S. plant reported

ZION, Ill., May 2 (R) — The second reported accident at an American nuclear power plant in a month has allowed radioactive gas to escape into air and released 700 tons of radioactive water within the plant, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said Tuesday.

But the NRC stressed that

Monday's accident, at a plant on the shores of Lake Michigan, 40 miles from Chicago, was in no way similar to the near-disaster at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, March 28, when there was a partial melting of the nuclear core.

NRC officials said the amount of radioactivity released through the building's ventilation system, was small.

The NRC said three employees were injured but the company said one man was sprayed with radioactive material and later tests showed there was no presence of radioactive contamination.

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Alexander Haig as supreme Allied commander in Europe about July 1, has publicly disagreed with Alexander on the question of whether to resume military conscription in the United States.

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No casualties reported Paris hit by wave of bomb explosions

PARIS, May 2 (R) — A series of bomb explosions shook the French capital early Wednesday.

The blasts caused heavy damage but no casualties, police said.

An anonymous caller telephoned a French news agency and said the attacks had been made by a hitherto unknown revolutionary movement, the Coordination for Revolutionary Action (CAR).

Police said the explosions between midnight and 1 a.m. severely damaged two police stations, a bank, a finance ministry office, a garage and an electricity branch office.

The police stations were closed for the night when the blasts occurred.

Damage to the finance ministry office was particularly heavy. Dozens of windows in nearby buildings were broken.

The anonymous caller said the attacks were "against racism, fascism and sexism which provoke miseries and unemployment."

John Wayne admitted to UCLA hospital

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (AP)

— Veteran actor John Wayne is back in UCLA Medical Center, occupying the same room he had when he underwent cancer surgery in January, hospital spokesman Al Hicks said Wednesday.

Hicks said Wayne was admitted to the hospital about 10 or 11 p.m. Tuesday, but added he did not know what his symptoms were.

Fist-fight concludes trial of students in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, May 2 (R) — A scuffle broke out at the court Tuesday during the trial of 11 black students accused of leading the 1976 Soweto riots.

The students — members of the now-banned Soweto Students' Representative Council (SSRC) — were found guilty of sedition Monday after a seven-month trial at a suburban court near Johannesburg.

Co-defendants leapt over railings to help him amid screams from friends and relatives in the public gallery. Police armed with sub-machineguns moved toward the court and the trouble ended.



LIFE UNDER ICE : Scientists did not believe it possible life could exist in the frozen waters below Antarctica's sheets of snow. But a team of U.S. Engineers have recently drilled 414 meters through the ice and have come up with something 'fantastic' — a swarm of shellfish-like creatures.

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Carter chooses junior general as new U.S. Army staff chief

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)

— President Jimmy Carter has passed over 15 more senior generals to pick Lt. Gen. Edward Meyer to become the U.S. Army's next chief of staff, Pentagon sources said Tuesday night.

Only two weeks ago, Carter named Meyer, now the army's deputy chief of staff for operations, to become commander in chief of the U.S. Army in Europe.

There was no explanation for Carter's action, the first time in 15 years that a United States president has reached so far down on the seniority list to pick an army chief.

Meyer, 50, probably will be the youngest general to hold a top American army post in modern times.

Defense officials refused to discuss the imminent nomination, expected Wednesday, in an unusual atmosphere of secrecy for such matters.

This prompted speculation that Meyer's nomination culminated in a series of clashes between Gen. Bernard Rogers, the present army chief of staff, and Army Secretary Clifford Alexander.

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Carter working with Congress on new limits for spy agencies

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter is proposing that under a new charter for United States intelligence agencies, covert operations would be reported to the Congress and any major operations would require presidential approval, Carter's chief spokesman said Tuesday.

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said the Carter administration and Congress, where new charter legislation failed to gain approval last year, were working on their differences before a new bill is introduced.

"We are attempting to build a genuine consensus of what is necessary to protect the rights of individual Americans on the one hand and also what is necessary to protect the security of Americans on the other," Powell said.

"I can assure you on the presi-

dent's behalf that none of the kinds of activities that have raised questions in the past will be allowed to take place without the president's personal review," he said.

Such activities, including assassination plots and spying on U.S. citizens, were a frequent target of Carter's presidential campaign speeches in 1975 and 1976.

Spencer Davis, a spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the committee and Carter's representatives "still have a way to go" before a consensus is reached, "but we expect to reach it."

Powell said Carter was concerned that it was "essential to reform the law to strengthen the protection of Americans' rights ... and to streamline the law to make the legitimate activities of our intelligence agencies more effective."

Soviet dissidents united behind wire fence in U.S.

CAVENHILL, VT. May 2 (AP) — Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Alexander Ginzburg, Soviet dissidents whose fight for human rights led to imprisonment, are once again behind a wire fence. But now the gate provides a welcome seclusion for the two exiles, reunited after five years of separation.

Ginzburg arrived late Tuesday at Solzhenitsyn's fenced-in compound in Cavenhishill, where the Nobel Prize-winning author has lived as a near-recluse since coming to the United States in 1976.

Ginzburg was greeted by Solzhenitsyn's wife, Natalya, at the tall gate of wire mesh strung on a heavy frame leading to the 51-acre southeastern Vermont estate.

The two embraced, and Mrs. Solzhenitsyn told Ginzburg that he and his family, who are expected to join Ginzburg soon, should "think of this as if it were your home."

Ginzburg, who was released last week from a Soviet prison, looked gaunt and pale after a day of interviews in New York City and the long drive to Vermont.

But he bounded out of the car before it had stopped, rolling to throw his arms around Mrs. Solzhenitsyn, her mother and Solzhenitsyn's 18-year-old son, Dimitri.

Solzhenitsyn, who is rarely seen by the 1,260 residents here, did not come to the gate to welcome his guest.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn, speaking through a translator, said that

Ginzburg was "very, very tired and very much in need of rest."

The 42-year-old Soviet physicist is suffering from an ulcer that he said Monday was "aggravated extremely" by his latest confinement in a Soviet prison camp.

Ginzburg with four other dissidents, was released Friday by the Soviet Union in exchange for two Soviets convicted of espionage in the United States.

Solzhenitsyn and Ginzburg are close friends and leaders of the Soviet dissident movement.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said the two men had not seen each other for five years and plan to devote themselves to the Russian Social Fund, which Solzhenitsyn created to help imprisoned Russian dissidents.

Ginzburg served as director of the fund in the Soviet Union before he was imprisoned in 1977.

The physicist, who has served three separate terms in Soviet prison camps, was again jailed last year after his conviction on charges of "anti-Soviet propaganda" for his work monitoring Soviet compliance with human rights provisions of the Helsinki Accords.

Solzhenitsyn, who has spent a decade in Soviet prison camps, is the author of the three-volume "Gulag Archipelago," an indictment of the Soviet Union's prison camp system. Solzhenitsyn, who holds the Nobel Prize for Literature, was exiled from the Soviet Union in 1974.

Life in the snake cage wearis South African

JOHANNESBURG, May 2 (AP) — Exhausted, irritable but still determined to spend 40 days inside a cage with two dozen deadly snakes, Peter Snyman spent Wednesday trying to sleep, very carefully.

The 25-year-old carpenter was in day 26 of his strange quest for the strange world record and has just two weeks to go, unless one of the venomous snakes bites him. A bite from any of the slithery creatures would probably cut off Snyman as well as his record bid.

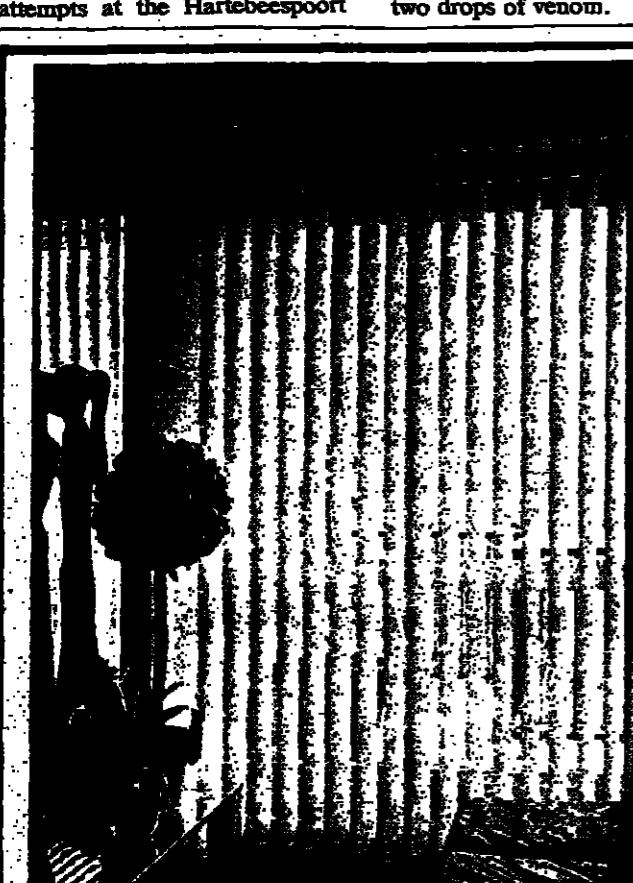
Snyman is trying to surpass the world record of 36 days established by a fellow South African, Trevor Kruger, in 1975. Both Kruger and Snyman made their attempts at the Hartebeespoort

Snake Park just outside of Johannesburg. Kruger was killed in an automobile crash only weeks after setting his record.

Snyman's attempt to break the record has forced him to lead a slow-motion existence inside the glassed-in cage because the snakes react angrily to sudden movement. He has a cot rest on and takes his meals inside the cage. He must do everything slowly to avoid disturbing the snakes which sometimes hang over his body.

He is allowed 30 minutes outside the cage, every 24 hours.

His companions include puff adders, cobras, tree snakes and deadly black mambas, which can kill a human in 30 seconds with two drops of venom.



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NEXT TIME, BUY YOUR OWN : Farmer Colin Newlove of Yorkshire, England, takes time off to read a newspaper with his partner reading over his shoulder. Newlove says, "His reading is coming along champion."

'No feud with Carter'

Kennedy denies plan for '80 candidacy

WASHINGTON, May 2 (R) — Sen. Edward Kennedy, D.-Mass., said Tuesday he would support President Carter's re-election next year and denied that he was feuding with the president.

Speculation about a rift grew Monday when Carter, in a rare public flash of temper said "That's a lot of baloney" when asked about a charge by the senator that the administration had surrendered to the oil industry.

Sen. Kennedy has long been regarded as Carter's strongest potential rival in the Democratic Party but has consistently denied that he plans to challenge the president for the party's 1980 presiden-

tial nomination.

He said Tuesday, "I expect the president to be a candidate, to be re-nominated and to be re-elected. And I expect to work in his behalf."

He said there was no feud but added that he regarded the president's decision to lift price controls on home-produced oil and his plan for a windfall profits tax on oil companies was poor energy and economic policy.

The senator was speaking at the White House, where he was attending a ceremony in his capacity as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House of Representatives

Treasure aboard?

Sunken ship may solve WWII puzzle

TOKYO, May 2 (AP) — The recent discovery and partial recovery of a Japanese ship, the Awa Maru, torpedoed by the American submarine Queenfish on April 1, 1945 in the Taiwan Strait, may solve one of the mysteries of World War II.

Was the 11,249-ton cargo-passenger ship, on a mercy mission under agreement with allied powers, carrying contraband and a fabulous amount of treasure, including diamonds and gold bars? If it was loaded with contraband, was the skipper of the Queenfish, Elliot Loughlin, justified in intentionally defying orders in firing four torpedoes despite the agreement?

Visibility was poor on April 1, 1945, and Loughlin thought he had torpedoed a destroyer.

The Awa Maru was identified by special markings — a white cross on both sides of its funnel and lighted crosses at night. It was en route back to Japan from Southeast Asia, where it unloaded 2,000 tons of relief supplies in Singapore for allied war prisoners, and reportedly several thousand tons of spare aircraft parts and ammunition. Then, according to Japanese reports, the ship picked up 10 tons of sugar in Java, 3,000 tons of tin in Singapore and an unknown quantity of cigars.

Also aboard the Awa Maru, on its voyage home through U.S. submarine-controlled waters, were more than 2,000 people, including 1,013 navy and 773

army personnel, 46 Foreign Office officials and 148 members of

the remains and belongings from the Awa Maru would be returned to Japan.

The newspaper Asahi said Minoru Fukumitsu, an American of Japanese descent who worked as an interpreter at the International War Tribunals in Tokyo from 1946 to 1948 and now is a businessman engaged in foreign trade, said he had asked the Chinese for permission in 1977 to salvage the Awa Maru.

Fukumitsu, who wrote a book in 1973 on the incident, based on his findings, said he visited Peking on Sept. 29, 1977 and met Chairman Huia Guofeng and Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping and presented them a copy of his book, but was unable to get a response to his request. He told Asahi he had written Peking every 29th day of the month since Sept. 29, 1977, asking for permission to salvage the Awa Maru.

Both the Japanese Foreign Ministry and Xinhua said this was announced by Chinese Vice Minister of Communications Peng Te-ching during a recent visit to

Reports said the treasures aboard the Awa Maru are worth more than \$ 10 billion.

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Russian journalist wins asylum in U.K.

LONDON, May 2 (R) — The British government has granted asylum to a Soviet journalist working in London and temporary permission to stay to a woman member of a Soviet folk dance company, British officials said Wednesday.

The British Foreign Office said the Soviet embassy in London had been in touch with the Foreign Office about the journalist, Alexander Istomin, 31, who had been on the London staff of the Soviet press agency Novosti. But the office declined to say whether the embassy had asked for permission to send a Soviet diplomat to interview him.

Istomin had been working for Novosti for a year. The Home Office said he had been given permission to remain in Britain for an initial period of 12 months.

The member of the folk dance troupe was named as Galina Orlova, identified as an interpreter by the Foreign Office.

She slipped away from the troupe when it was passing through London Airport on its way home from Dublin.

The Foreign Office said so far the Soviet embassy had not been in touch with the Foreign Office about her case, which was not linked to that of Istomin.

The Home Office spokesman said Miss Orlova had applied to remain in Britain and that she had

PRINCETON, N.J., May 2 (R) — The Beatles have joined Beethoven and Bach as subjects fit to be taught at the university level.

Princeton University's Music Department is offering an undergraduate course this semester called "Listening to the Beatles." It applies the same methods of musical analysis traditionally reserved for the likes of Mozart.

The course is believed to be the first such class in the United States. Its teacher, musicologist Michael Chiano, maintains adamantly, "Studying the Beatles is very much an intellectual or academic pursuit."

Peace... in dollars

By John Felton

WASHINGTON —

In trying to sell a special Middle East aid package to Congress, President Carter is struggling to explain why the \$4.8 billion price tag is a bargain.

Although little outright opposition has surfaced, members of Congress have bluntly warned Carter that American taxpayers are unhappy about footing the Egypt-Israel peace treaty bill.

Opinion polls show the public opposed to additional aid to those countries by a two-to-one margin.

Apparently speaking for many colleagues, Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, recently said: "I think all of us are receiving mail which raises perfectly legitimate question: Why should we pay for the peace?"

His statement is of more than passing interest because Church is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which must approve the aid.

Appearing before Church's committee recently, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Middle East peace benefits far outweigh the costs.

Brown called the treaty "the cornerstone of a comprehensive, long-term peace with resulting stability for the entire region."

Vance argued that the price of peace "is modest compared with the cost of further war."

He said four Middle East wars in 30 years have cost the United States "several tens of billions of dollars in direct costs alone." The 1973 Arab-Israeli war cost the United States more than \$7 billion in additional aid to Israel.

Carter has said both countries must be "confident of their security" to ensure "enduring peace."

The special U.S. aid package includes:

— For Israel, an \$800 million grant to replace two air bases that will be taken over by Egypt and \$2.2 billion in loans to purchase weapons and military supplies.

— For Egypt, \$300 million in loans to bolster that country's shaky economy, and \$1.5 billion in loans to purchase weapons.

Carter said the actual cost to the American taxpayer will be only \$1.1 billion over four years because most of the aid is in loans. But this is on top of the regular U.S. foreign aid program of \$1.8 billion a year for Israel and \$1 billion for Egypt.

The loans for weapons will carry interest rates of 9-10 percent, with repayment over 30 years.

The \$300 million economic aid loan to Egypt is virtually a grant because the interest rate will be only 2-3 percent over 30 years.

There may be a move in Congress to convert at least part of the loans to grants.

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has said heavy repayments will be "very burdensome." Israel already pays the United States nearly \$450 million a year on past loans, and the new loans would add another \$200 million.

Carter administration officials, however, have said Israel can readily make those payments.

Begin has asked for half of the \$3 billion aid to Israel in grants, and for interest rates on the remaining loans to be lowered to 1-2 percent.

Brown and Vance admit the United States now is deeply involved in the Middle East but stress that the country is not committed to boosting its military presence there.

The US. aid will help Israel modernize its armed forces and replace military bases now in the Sinai. Under the treaty Israel will gradually turn over the Sinai to Egypt within three years.

Through the \$800 million grant, the United States will pay most of the cost of moving two air bases from the Sinai to the Negev desert in Israel. The United States will build the new bases for Israel.

In addition to financial aid, Carter gave Israel security and oil guarantees in connection with the peace treaty. Egypt was offered a security guarantee, but turned it down.

The security guarantee pledged the United States to take "appropriate measures to promote full observance" of the peace treaty.

"There is no hidden purpose or hidden meaning" in the guarantee, Vance said. "It cannot be construed as representing a mutual security pact with Israel, even though its existence provides Israel with significant psychological reassurance as it enters into this new relationship with Egypt."

The oil guarantee commits the United States to supplying Israel with oil for up to 15 years if its normal supplies are cut off. Israel would pay for the oil.

Although the aid to Egypt is mostly military, both Brown and Vance emphasized the need to restore Egypt's troubled economy.

"The future of Egypt will not turn primarily on the strength of its armed forces," Brown said.

The \$1.5 billion in arms sales loans will enable Egypt to purchase jets, air defense equipment and other military supplies. But even that huge infusion of American arms "is substantially smaller than what is required for full modernization of Egypt's armed forces," Brown said. And he insisted the United States is not attempting to transform Egypt into a "regional policeman." — (CQ)

Aerospace revival

By William Rustrum

LOS ANGELES —

The southern California aerospace industry, which was dealt a near-fatal blow a decade ago when the nation's space program was severely curtailed, has bounced back and is using its technology to expand into other areas and create thousands of jobs.

Instead of competing solely for aircraft and space contracts from the government, the companies are working in areas such as energy resources, environmental controls and mass transit.

The Hughes Corp., which has five divisions, has 3,500 job openings, including engineers, computer scientists, machinists, technicians, programmers and secretaries.

Northrop Corp. has 300 openings in its aircraft group, and Priscilla Florence, employment manager, said, "the job picture is pretty good."

At Garrett Airesearch manufacturing division, Jim Wade, employment administrator, said his company plans to hire about 1,900 employees by January 1983.

The aerospace of the late 1960s caused many in the field, especially engineers, to change professions, and those who did not find themselves unemployed for long periods. But that crisis, Wade said, has indirectly led to the current resurgence of aerospace companies.

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Mideast peace : A Palestinian perspective

By Muhammad Milhem
Mayor of Halhoul
Special to Arab News

WASHINGTON —

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was delivered this week as a speech before a Washington conference on U.S. policy in the Middle East sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. Milhem was elected mayor of the West Bank town of Halhoul in March 1976 after running on a Palestinian nationalist town. Halhoul was placed under an oppressive 23-hour-a-day curfew by Israeli military authorities at the time of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty signing.)

quizing substitute. We believe that Israel sought and obtained at Camp David a formula which can only and of necessity lead to the closed road of unilateral settlement with Egypt. This is evident from the fact that while the accords conceded the mutual claims of Israel and Egypt (Israeli withdrawal from occupied Sinai and Egyptian recognition of Israel and the normalization of relations between them), they failed to maintain the symmetry by conceding even in principle the claims of any of the other parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict. As far as the Palestinian dimension of the conflict is concerned, the agreement was deliberately designed to provoke Palestinian rejection:

1. It addresses "the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip" rather than the Palestinian people. We find this evasion of the problem unacceptable for two reasons. First, the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are a third of the Palestinian people. A minority cannot legitimately act on behalf of the whole. Second, it is the majority of people, ignored by the agreements, who suffered most. While the residents of the West Bank and Gaza live under occupation, they at least live in their homeland. The rest are the victims of forced exile.

2. The Camp David agreements and the consequent negotiations accept the premise that the peoples concerned are free to designate their spokesmen and representatives. The Palestinian people alone are denied this right. The Palestine Liberation Organization is accepted by the Palestinian people and by the overwhelming majority of the nations of the world as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The Camp David agreements require the Palestinians to seek a substitute leadership as a condition for any sort of participation.

3. The agreements envision "autonomy" for the inhabitants of one-fifth of Palestine. In political terminology, autonomy is less than independence, and an autonomous region is a part of a larger state. The agreements, therefore, rule out the possibility of independence. We see no reason why we should be interested in negotiating a settlement which rules out in advance the option of independence for the Palestinian people. We have no interest in legitimizing Israeli occupation by consenting to a thinly camouflaged version of it.

4. Jerusalem, the city built by the Arab Jabbos before the Hebrews ever set foot on this land, is the heart of Palestinian history and heritage. It is also the geographic link between the northern and southern halves of the West Bank. We are neither willing nor able to envision a future without it.

5. Any agreement which does not require, without equivocation, an internationally supervised cessation to Israeli settlement in the West Bank and Gaza betrays lack of good faith and a cruel disregard for the future of our people. It is the sine qua non of the confidence-building process which is alleged to be the principal achievement and merit of the ongoing diplomacy.

6. The agreements represent a regression from earlier international commitments to the Palestinian refugees. They make no mention of their internationally recognized right to choose repatriation or compensation. They simply promise that their tragedy be discussed and that a solution be sought. Before Camp David there were agreed-upon solutions needing implementation. Now, there is simply a problem which will someday be considered.

The Palestinian people are not unaware of the complexity of the issues. Therefore, they do understand and expect the need for lengthy and difficult negotiations. They are even reconciled to the prospect of phased implementation of a peaceful settlement. They certainly do not expect that the accumulated injustices would vanish overnight, and they do not day-dream of easy and sudden freedom. But they are equally aware of the sterility of negotiating a settlement which in advance rules out the essence of their national identity, rights, and aspirations.

The Palestinian people would be prepared to discuss how, when, under what conditions, and in exchange for what they are to achieve independence in their homeland. But they are not prepared, and no one has the right to expect them to be prepared, to discuss the modalities of denying them their national freedom.

saudi press review

"The Egyptian leaders made a mistake in believing that we can be forced to give up this role by insulting us."

The paper said that Saudi Arabia does not wish to join in slander campaign with Sadat to the extent of posing as the representative of the Palestinian people and to sign further agreements on their behalf. This means that Sadat is not satisfied with the damage that he has already done but persists in his attempts to flout all known morale and principles.

It is deliberately challenging the legality of the PLO which has been recognized by the world with the exception of Israel which is fighting it on the battlefield.

Sadat has really gone beyond the limits of reason in his attempt to change the facts or obliterate realities which is the style adopted by the Zionists.

Sadat's surrender to Israel has given him the insolence to attack other Arab leaders in a way that shows he has an unlimited fund of

abuse," according to "Al-Jazrah".

"Saudi Arabia received the lion's share of his insults as he forgot in his blind hatred Saudi Arabia's assistance to Egypt in times of distress. But we are not surprised by this ingratitude now that he has surrendered to the Zionist enemy."

"But whatever Sadat does, he cannot convince anybody that the people of Egypt are in favor of his treason if only the Egyptians are given the right of free expression. But he makes a mistake if he believes that his insults will divert the Arabs from their chosen path and their war with the enemy. If his insults are a result of a serious psychological state, they have also revealed his true dimensions and the type of man he is. He may go on attacking the Arab world, but he will be ignored because the Arabs are busy with an issue more sublime which he cannot comprehend" the paper said.



"The Arab world did not need to be told anew that President Sadat had sold its cause to Israel at the cheapest possible price, and that he had handed over Egypt to the Zionists at no cost," according to "Al-Jazrah".

"Nor were we in need of hearing more lies and fabrications about his treaty with Israel for the sake of his concept for peace. 'What peace can be achieved through such capitulation to the Zionists?'

"Sadat has gone even further in his betrayal of the Arabs — further than Begin himself would have done. But the Arab world knows how to deal with Sadat and his regime and to eradicate the surrender plan that he is trying to drag us all into."

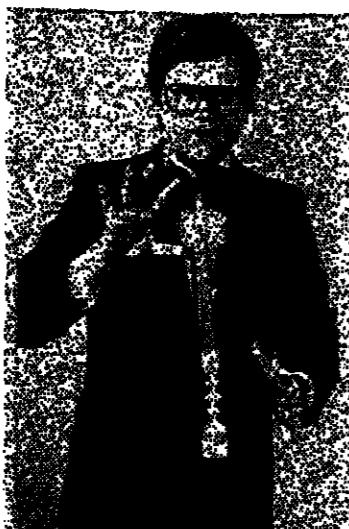
Defending the Saudi stand, the paper said that the Kingdom "has always stood in the forefront of

Optical whimsy intrigues the kids

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN — "He didn't say 'Abracadabra,'" worried one small child. "I guess he forgot." Another youngster argued, "That's just in story books. That's not what illusionists say. They use words like 'hocus pocus,' but if you're a real professional like Fred, you don't need such words at all."

The subject of these observations was Fred Maro, a German illusionist who entertained children last week in Dhahran, Riyadh and Jeddah with a whimsical set of optical illusions. At the Saudi Arabian International School here, 1,300 children sat cross-legged on the floor, for the show, packed under a sun dome. Wide-eyed, they followed Fred's every move as he snipped ropes, made them whole again, made small red balls large, transformed newspapers into ladders and tree and mysteriously caused an



Fred Maro
umbrella cover to disappear from its frame and be replaced by bright red silks.

In one of his most unusual tricks, Fred Maro poured water from a jug over and over again.

The water seemed to gush out inexhaustibly. The children suggested many curious explanations for this mystery — from hidden pumps and steam-producing engines connected to the pitcher to layers within it. The fact that they couldn't really understand the trick made them admire it all the more.

A Korean girl, Youhee Kim, was surprised that Fred wore a business suit and was not at all the resplendent mysterious figure that an illusionist cuts in Korea. Twelve-year-old Mary Elliott explained, "It's too hot for him to get into different clothes. Also, if he's wearing a suit, he's got more pockets to hide his gadgets. Anyhow, you don't watch him because of his clothes, you watch him because of the tricks."

The children laughed at his "mistakes," as Fred called green scarves red and blue silks green. The older ones believed Fred was doing this playfully or as a cover-

up to help him prepare for his next trick. The younger children were engaged in enthusiastically correcting him. Eight-year-old German Marc-Oliver Kalis thought Fred had forgotten the names of the colors, because "Fred speaks German, and English is hard for German-speaking people to learn."

"Fred Maro started his training at the age of eight, by doing rope tricks," explained Herald Bornberg, District Sales Manager for Lufthansa Airlines which brought Fred from Germany for the promotional event. "Maro has since intrigued audiences in four continents, and placed seventh in the World Championships for 'Close-up' illusions."

Fred Maro hopes to return to Arabia in November to perform for private companies. Should you wish to call Lufthansa to book a performance, be forewarned: it is no illusion to foot the illusionist bill of \$1,500 per show.



Part of the amused audience for Fred Maro's show in Dhahran

Animal traders threaten extinction

By Geoffrey Lean

LONDON — Turtles, crocodiles, rhinos, cheetahs and many spotted cats are threatened with extinction by international trade. So are some lizards, parrots and falcons.

Much of the trade in endangered species of wildlife is legal and underground. Most of it exists to provide people in the wealthier countries with luxury goods such as tortoise-shell nick-nacks, crocodile skin handbags and furs.

Since the year 1600, over 130 species of mammals and birds have become extinct as a result of direct exploitation by man or by alteration of their habitats. At least 120 more species are now in danger.

And the pace of destruction is accelerating. Half the known functions of all forms of wildlife during the past 1900 years (the last one recorded, of the European lion, occurred around 800 D.C.) have taken place this century.

Delegates from governments all over the world have recently finished reviewing an international convention designed to stop the destruction.

But their two-week meeting in aish country club outside San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, brought about little strengthening of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (ITES).

The convention is thought to control only 10 per cent of the world trade in endangered species, thanks both to illegal

BOOKSHELF

"One Hundred Years of Solitude," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Harper and Row, 1970.

By Barry Reynolds

DHAHRAN — In the decade since Marquez's internationally-acclaimed novel was published, the "Third World" has been "discovered," or, as political scientists like to say, it has "emerged."

In fact, like the inhabitants of the author's mythical town of Macondo before the arrival of the American banana company, the Third World existed for a long time before it was actually discovered. Moreover, it often did so at a level of sophistication that sometimes confounded the best social theories.

It is after the establishment of huge banana plantations, however, that Macondo makes its rather decent jump into the 20th century. It is the vivid, brutal and often amusing portrayal of this accelerated change that has made the book popular throughout the Third World and necessitated its translation into a dozen languages.

For generations before bananas had labels, the Buendia family lived a brawling and, by Western standards, brutal and primitive life. It was life marked chiefly by a hand-to-mouth economy, continual civil warfare, a daily struggle against the jungle's encroachment and the occasional appearance of ghosts. In short, life was brief, full and tensely communal. "One Hundred Years..." is truly history in the most universal sense. Its chronicles of love and lust, war and revolution and the perpetual reality of myths are the skin of humanity itself.

By the turn of the century, however, with the arrival in Macondo of the chubby, genial Mr. Herbert, American banana mogul, a new set of myths are deposited the ancient ones.

The modern industrial "magic" — telephones, automobiles, motion pictures, photographs and the great iron iguana (train) — puts the town into a trance from which it never really awakes. As the author observes:

"It was an intricate stew of truths and mirages that confused all the family's ghosts."

Local theater patrons become indignant when a character who has been killed off and buried in one film, and for whom they have shed copious and compassionate tears, reappears in the next week's film transformed into a dashing cowboy.

The townspeople proceed to smash the moviehouse furniture and it is only when an official pronouncement is issued defining the cinema as a mere producer of illusions that the citizens end their rampage and leave the theater in total disgust. Apparently they preferred the ancient illusions.

And, although succeeding generations would accept the photograph, at the time of the first train model's arrival it was not considered an object of sufficient amusement but something for children to take part.

Nevertheless, Macondo's fate is decided after Mr. Herbert and Jack Brown have dissected the

traffic and to the major importers and exporters of wildlife who are not party to it.

The illegal trade runs into tens of millions of dollars a year in the United States, which is one of the countries with the tightest controls. It is thought to be worth much more in Europe.

Germany, which is a party to the convention, nevertheless enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the main illicit markets.

Only 51 of the world's nations are members of the convention. Belgium and Japan, neither of which are members, are the other main markets. The Netherlands was a big buyer, too, until it passed tough new legislation.

Indonesia is a major exporter of wildlife; 200 birds of paradise have been leaving its shores each week, many of them smuggled out through Papua New Guinea.

Indonesia also exports turtles, as do Thailand, India, the Philippines and Mexico; the main markets are Taiwan, Japan, Germany, Italy and Belgium.

Crocodile skins are flown out from Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Bolivia and Paraguay to Italy, France and Germany.

Ivory poaching is increasing in Zambia, Uganda and the Ivory Coast. The Central African Empire, which exported the equivalent of 3,595 pairs of tusks in 1977, seems to be acting as a clearing house (Emperor Bokassa runs the ivory business). Japan and Hong Kong have been the leading importers.

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A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom.

JEDDAH

Saturday, May 5:

Saudi Arabian Natural History Society meeting, 8 p.m. At the USGS compound just off the Medina Road (down) near Spinners restaurant. Mr. Gunnar Baerentz, a professional diver, will give a talk on "The Feeding Habits of Sharks" with slides and film. After that there will be a short film — "World of Islam — Nomad and City."

Sunday, May 6:

Coffee morning for women of Australian nationality, 10:30 a.m. — 12 noon. At the Australian Ambassador's residence.

Monday, May 7:

British Community Wives' Association. Coffee morning at the British Ambassador's residence, 10:30 a.m. — 12 noon. New committee to be elected. New arrivals welcome.

Danish women's afternoon coffee party, 3 — 5 p.m. At the Danish Ambassador's residence.

Tuesday, May 10:

Summer Fair. Jeddah Prep School is holding a Fair to raise money for a swimming pool at their new school building, to be opened in 1980. 4:30 p.m. at the present school building two blocks south of Caravan Shopping Center.

RIYADH

Sunday, May 6 — Sunday, May 13:

An art exhibition by international painter Princess Xena Scher-

batoss. At the Al Nahda Philanthropic Society, under the patronage of Princess Noura bint Abdul Aziz. Opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m. All women invited.

Monday, May 7:

"The Fun of Being a Foreigner," a presentation by Dr. Abdel Gadir Abdulla from the department of archeology, University of Riyadh. At the Culture Tent, the Arabic Language Institute, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 10:

Spring bazaar at Minter residence in Maalaaz, 5 — 8 p.m. Off Airport Road opposite Condor's furniture to the last villa (green and white) on the right. Proceeds go to the Save the Children Fund (Yemen). Offers of help and items for sale will be gratefully received. Telephone Mrs. Ingrams at 4780348 or 4650448.

DHAHRAN

Thursday, May 3:

A tax seminar presented by a U.S. Internal Revenue Service representative. At the Dhahran Academy, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 7:

Arabian Natural History Society meeting. Peter and Mary Taylor will present a slide and talk show on a 1964 Himalayan Expedition. At the Management Training Center, Aramco, conference room C. Members and non-members welcome. At 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8:

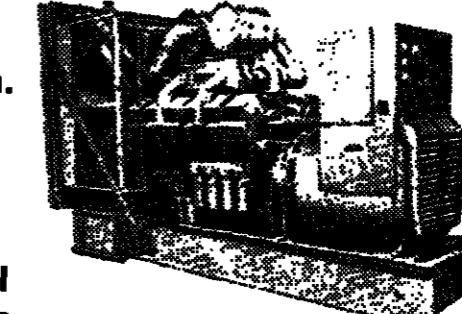
Dhahran outing group sponsors a presentation on Burma by Victor Friedman. At the Dhahran Auditorium, Aramco, 7:30 p.m.

Sheri Zirguis will speak to the International Nurses Group on

"Women and Smoking." At Aramco house 1411, 6:30 p.m. For details, telephone Aramco 44751.

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Losing streak ends as Giants trash Phillies

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP) — The San Francisco Giants broke an eight-game losing streak with a 7-0 National League baseball victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday night. Terry whitefield hit an inside-the-park home run, singled and drove in three runs, and Bob Knepper pitched a five-hitter.

In other national league action, the Montreal Expos won their seventh straight game with a 7-3 decision over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Rodney Scott and Warren Cromarie hit run-scoring singles in the fifth inning.

Bill Buckner smashed home runs his first two times at bat and Ivan DeJesus drove in two runs with a second-inning single as the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-1.

Knuckleball pitcher Phil Niekro notched his 200th career victory as the Atlanta Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates with the aid of two home runs by Gary Mathews.

Gene Tenace and Barry Evans drove in two runs each with a pair of bases-loaded singles as the San

Diego Padres defeated the New York Mets 10-5.

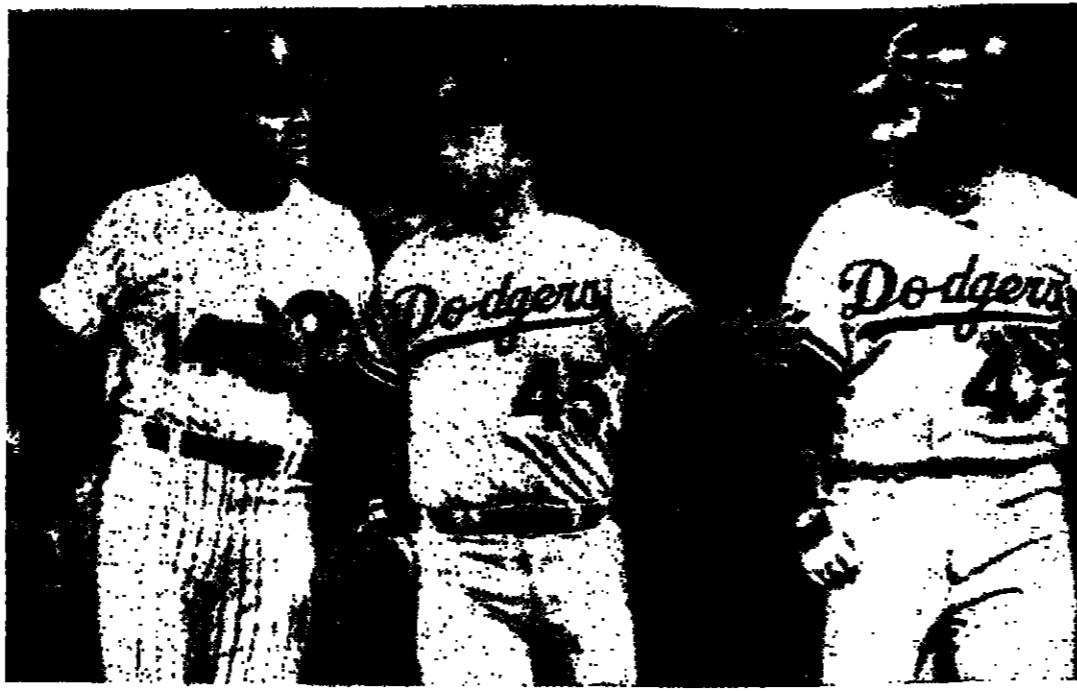
Roger Freed's grand slam homer in the bottom of the 11th inning powered the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-6 victory over the Houston Astros. The Cardinals wiped out a three-run burst by the Astros in the top of the frame.

In the American League, Lance Parrish and Jerry Morales hit successive home runs in the eighth inning to help the Detroit Tigers to a 5-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Darrell Porter and Frank White mashed home runs to back the combined seven-hit pitching of Paul Splittorff and Marty Pattin and power the Kansas City Royals to a 9-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Rick Manning drove in all of Cleveland's runs with a single and a homer to lead the Indians to a 3-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Ken Landreaux hit a solo home run in the sixth inning to give the Minnesota Twins a 3-2 decision



INTERVENTION : Los Angeles Dodgers coach Jim Lefebvre moves in between Phillies' first baseman Pete Rose and Dodgers' pitcher Andy Messersmith as the two exchanged words after Messersmith was tagged out on the chest by Rose at first on an infield out in a recent game.

over the Toronto Blue Jays.

A's a 7-5 triumph over the Boston Red Sox.

Jeff Newman delivered a pinch two-run double and Dave Revering sent Oakland ahead with a two-run single during a five-run seventh-inning rally that gave the

Bucky Dent singled home the tie-breaking run in the 11th inning and the New York Yankees went on to score four more runs for a 12-8 win over the California Angels, breaking a five-game losing streak.

Liverpool rolls on toward League title

LONDON, May 2 (R) — Liverpool continued its relentless march towards the English First Division football League title with an emphatic 4-1 away victory over Bolton Wanderers Tuesday night.

Second place West Bromwich Albion also won away, defeating Liverpool's neighbor Everton 2-0 to keep alive its slim hopes of overtaking the leaders.

But Liverpool, with four matches left, still leads by seven points and Albion, with five matches remaining, is fast running out of time.

David Johnson scored Liverpool's only goal in a one-sided first half, but Ray Kennedy with a pair and Kenny Dalglish put the result beyond doubt after the break. Bolton's tally was an own goal by Graeme Souness.

David Miles in the first half and Bryan Robson in the second scored for Albion. Manchester City got two goals from Poland's World Cup team Captain

Kazimierz Dyna in a 3-1 victory over Birmingham City.

Results

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Everton	0 West	2
	Bromwich	
Man. City	3 Birmingham	1
	Division Two	
Millwall vs.	Preston	—
postponed		
Notts County	1 Wrexham	1
	Division Three	
Bury	0 Sheffield	0
	Wed.	
Hull	2 Plymouth	1
Rotherham	1 Peterborough	1
	Swindon vs.	
postponed	Oxford	—
Watford vs.	Chester	—
	Division Four	
Newport	2 Bournemouth	0
Port Vale	1 Hereford	1
Rochdale	2 Stockport	0
Sunderland	0 Wigan	1
York	1 Crewe	0
	Scottish Division Two	
Albion	0 Falkirk	0

Canadian women display form in Seoul basketball

SEOUL, May 2 (AP) — Canada defeated the Netherlands 84-58 (41-30) Wednesday in its last elimination game at the 8th World Basketball Championship for Women at Seoul's Changchong Gymnasium.

The faster and better-shooting Canadians led the Dutch girls from the start, never relinquishing the lead throughout the game.

Canada completed its elimination round with a clean 3-0 record and won a berth in the semifinal series of the 12-nation tournament.

Anita Blanke was the highest scorer for the Netherlands with 16, followed by Dulcine Seca 14. Seca was fouled out in the second half.

Japan also trounced Senegal 84-32 (44-13) Wednesday to complete its elimination round with a 2-1 won-lost record.

The Japanese girls will play in the semifinal series beginning Friday, but unless Senegal was disallowed.

Hiroyo Nakagawa scored 13 points and Setsuko Hashiyama 11 for the winning team, while Anna Basse and Annmarie Diagna each accounted for nine points for Senegal.

South Korea outclassed Bolivia 106-38 (60-15) Wednesday in an elimination game.

The Bolivians lost all three games they played in the elimination round, and were disqualified for the semifinal series beginning Friday.

With a 2-1 won-lost record, the host country gained a place in the semifinals.

CROSS : Gary Bird of Nottingham Forest puts in a cross as Malcolm Waldron of Southampton tries to block in the English League Cup final at Wembley recently.

Londoner may be set for world crown

5-year Europe flyweight champ deposed

LONDON, May 2 (R) — Britain's Charlie Magri bagged the European flyweight boxing title here Tuesday night in only his 12th professional fight.

And judging by his win it will not be long before the 22-year-old Londoner has a crack at the world title.

Magri, winner of his previous 11 paid fights, toppled Franco Udella of Italy, the 32-year-old champion after 12 pulsating rounds.

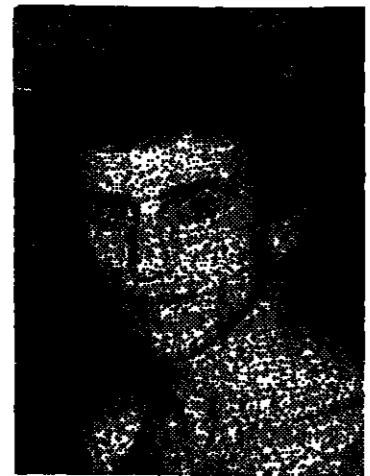
He took the fight to Udella, champion for almost five years, throughout the contest and gained a points decision by a two to one majority.

Udella battled bravely to survive Magri's onslaught but his years finally seemed to catch up with him.

The British fighter won what developed into a superb exhibition of aggressive action by both men, and Udella's greater experience was not enough to carry him through against a man ten years younger.

Udella, a 32-year-old former world champion, had won 36 of his previous 41 professional bouts.

If Udella expected an easy contest, he found out early that he was wrong. Magri roared into him from the first bell, but



Charlie Magri
the Italian gave little away and answered Magri's punching power with a couple of deft counters which stunned the challenger.

The astonishing pace produced by both men was maintained throughout the fight, though Magri marked Udella's face soon after being warned for low punching in the fourth round.

Udella, the first of the World Boxing Council light flyweight champions, spat blood from his mouth in the sixth and tried a couple of huge swings in an attempt to end the fight. He was only too aware that the longer the contest continued the more stamina he would lose against a younger opponent.

Udella showed the first signs of tiredness in the seventh, and Magri walloped him with two stinging left hooks to the side of his head.

Magri continued to smack Udella into his face in the eighth but the next two rounds appeared even as Udella used his greater experience to avoid Magri's wilder swings.

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Reaches new 1979 high

Dollar continues climbing on Tokyo money market

LONDON, May 2 (AP) — The dollar hit a record high for the year against the Japanese yen in Tokyo Wednesday, but was mixed in less European trading following Tuesday's May Day holiday.

Gold prices were mixed in quiet trading.

The U.S. currency climbed to 225.80 yen at one point during Tokyo trading — a 1979 high. But it finished the day at 224.65 yen, slightly below its opening rate of 225.30 yen, but still higher than Tuesday's 223.775 yen.

Morning dollar rates of key financial centers in Europe, where trading gets under way as Japan's business day ends:

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Venezuela oil minister plans Middle East talks

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 2 (AP) — Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon plans to travel to several Middle Eastern nations in early May to consult with oil ministers prior to a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in June, the government announced Tuesday.

Calderon said last week he will also attend a meeting of OPEC and non-OPEC oil exporting nations in London in late June.

The second meeting would include Canada, Great Britain, Norway and Mexico with OPEC nations Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria and Venezuela.

The minister said OPEC's June meeting in Geneva would treat methods of helping importing nations finance crude oil purchases from OPEC countries.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	7.00	7.04	7.04
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	179.00	178.75
Swiss F (100)	196.00	198.00	197.25
French F (100)	77.00	78.00	77.70
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	106.25	105.80
Syrian Lira (100)	—	75.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	—	—	4.56
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.18
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.15	11.15
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.25	88.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.82	8.82
Iranian Rial (100)	—	40.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.25	74.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	77.50	87.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.00
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.40
Gold kg	—	26,900	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,140	—
Silver kg bar	—	950	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.50	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.96	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.12	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah. Tel.: 23815

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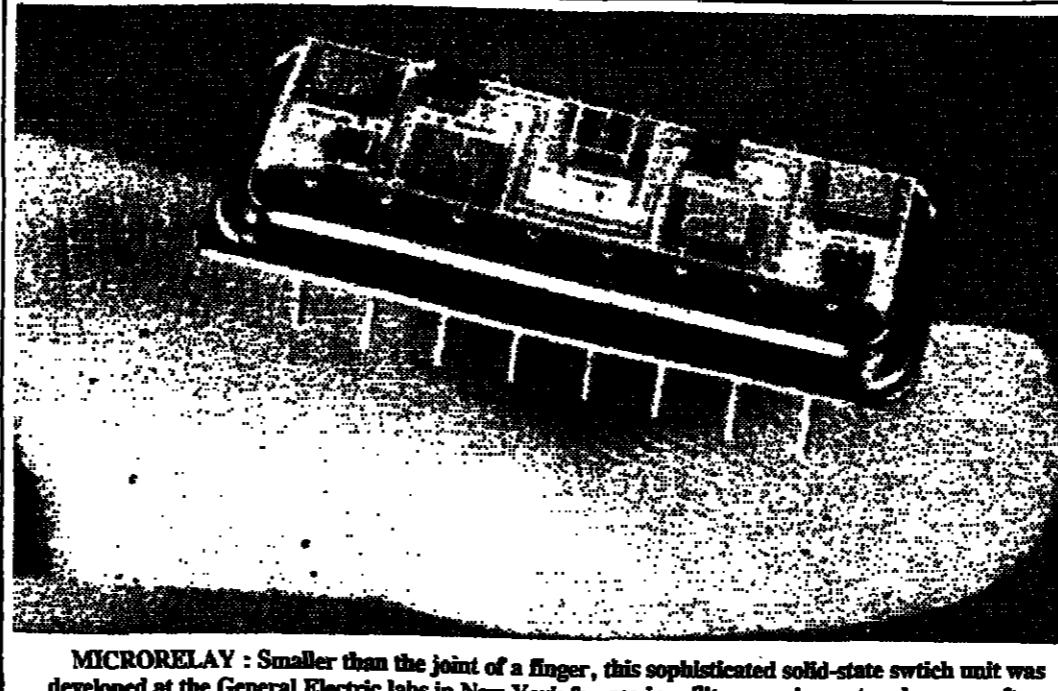
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MICRORELAY : Smaller than the joint of a finger, this sophisticated solid-state switch unit was developed at the General Electric labs in New York for use in military equipment and spacecraft.

Iran shortages cited

Texaco begins U.K. rationing

LONDON, May 2 (AP) — Texaco started rationing gasoline deliveries to its 2,150 British garages by eight per cent from last year's levels Tuesday but appealed to motorists not to panic.

The cutback, the company said, is a precaution to avert a real shortage due to the shrinkage in oil deliveries from Iran. Texaco controls about nine per cent of the British retail gasoline market. Smaller suppliers already have had to limit supplies.

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U.S. gas rationing narrowly loses in Congressional unit

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP) (Agencies) — The House of Representatives Commerce Committee Tuesday rejected as unfair a plan to let President Jimmy Carter ration gasoline in an emergency.

Many committee members opposed the plan because it would mean people who own more cars would receive more gasoline coupons. They saw this as favoring the well-to-do.

At a press conference Monday, Carter urged the House committee to approve the plan which is part of his energy conservation package.

Last week, the Senate Energy Committee approved the rationing scheme by a narrow margin after the White House modified it so more coupons could be given to rural states where driving distances are greater.

The vote by both committees indicated that the plan would have rough going in both the House and

the Senate.

Monday Energy Secretary James Schlesinger had appealed for passage of the standby authority, saying gas rationing would only be used in case of a dire national emergency.

In testimony before a Senate committee, Schlesinger called that prospect a "very, very low" probability.

The Carter plan for energy conservation, ordered by Congress in 1975, will die unless it is approved by both the House and Senate by May 12.

On Monday, the plan ran into another roadblock when the Senate Energy Committee tentatively rejected Carter's request for authority to order weekend closing of service stations.

That idea had drawn fire from congressmen from states heavily dependent on tourism, who said the restriction would deal a blow to their economies.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of the National Guard	Fencing with barbed wire around the cavalry camp in Khasan Al-Aan	15-98/99	500	May 12
Municipality of Umluj	Illuminating of the Umluj town with suspension lamps			May 26
Municipality of Jubail				

Louisiana gas fire out of control

NEW ORLEANS, May 2 (AP) — A natural gas well burned out of control Wednesday on a drilling rig in marshes south of New Orleans as wild well experts prepared a plan to snuff it out. Four crewmen suffered burns when the Texaco well exploded Tuesday as workers pulled up the drill to make tests. John Porter of Texaco said crewmen were pulling the drill out of the well so they could lower a sensor the hole to learn what was in it at that depth. He said the fire was touched off by failure of which was meant to get a natural gas bubble out of the well.

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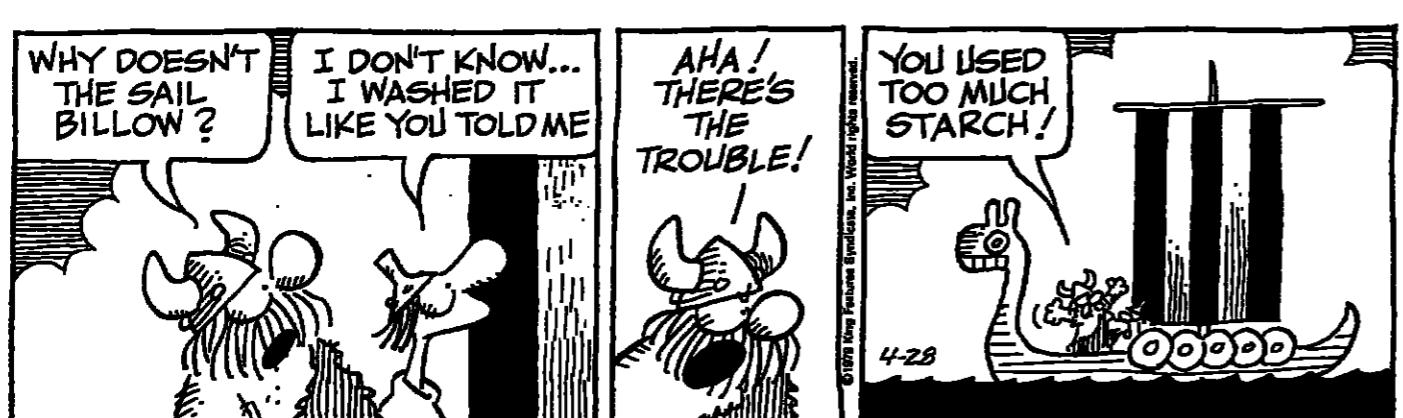
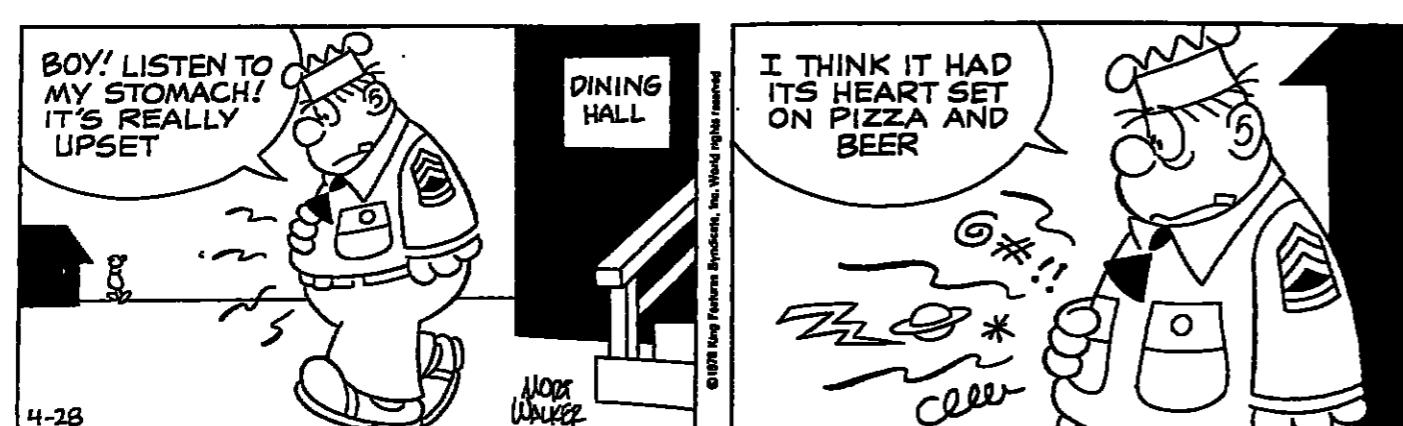
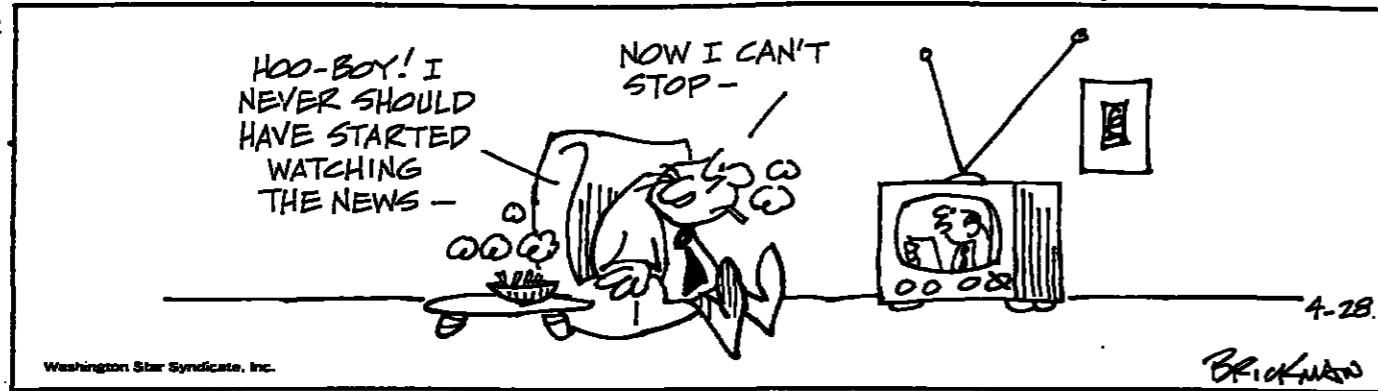
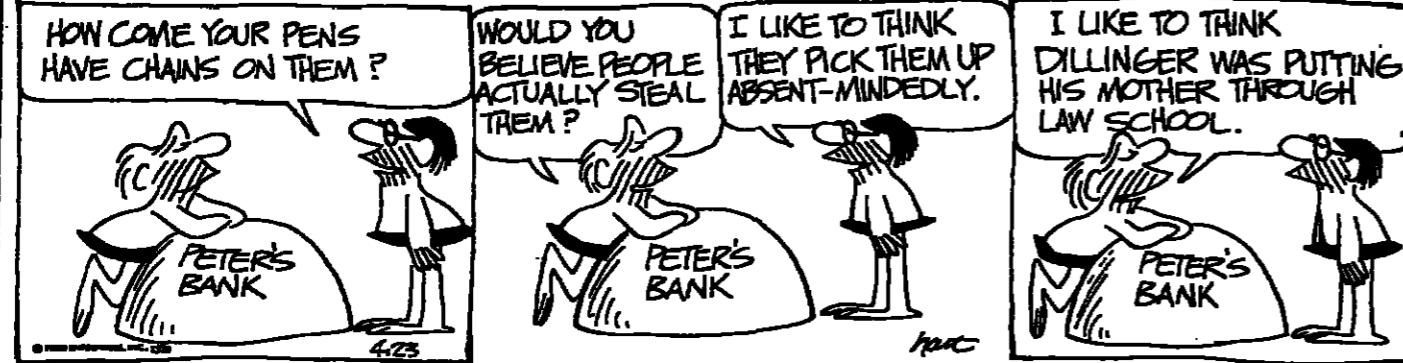
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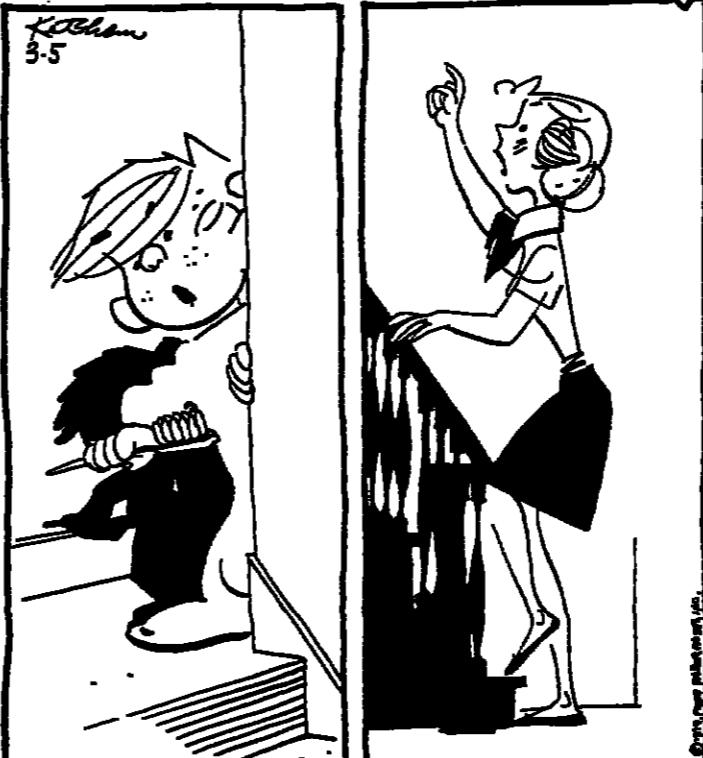
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10 Drooping	3 "I Pagliacci"
11 "Young" role	4 Quote
12 Unvoiced consonant	5 Poetical division
13 Gunther	6 In addition
14 Seed coating	7 Like Mr.
15 "Loaded"	8 Spock's ears
16 Ohio city	9 Becham
17 Mend Park initials	10 Touchdown
18 Gold: Sp.	11 Bungle
19 Bare	12 Before
20 To go to court	13 For men only
21 Go to so to	14 Franciosa
22 Electrical term	15 Fall flower
23 Memo —	16 Ready
24 Cathedral city	17 Legal
25 Outcast	18 Fraternity
26 Good and ready	19 Guided missile
27 Jogger's gait	20 Enticement
28 Lothario	21 For men only
29 It comes in rounds	22 Sleeky one
30 Verdi	23 Brush them all anyway!
31 Opera	24 American educator
32 Word with anger	25 Americana
33 Like a pin-up girl	26 Fonder
34 Vertex	27 Dunce

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WEST	EAST
♦ A 9 2	♦ K 8 5 4
♦ 7 5 2	♦ Q J 9 8 4
♦ 7 3	♦ 6
♦ A Q 8 6 4	♦ J 2

SOUTH

♦ Q 13 3

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♦ A Q K 10 8 5 2

♦ K 10 9

Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

Mayday, Mayday!

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ 1 7 6

♦ Q 10 6 3

♦ 0 9 4

♦ 7 5 3

WEST

EAST

♦ A 9 2

♦ Q 13 3

—

♦ A Q 8 6 4

♦ J 2

SOUTH

♦ Q 13 3

—

♦ A Q K 10 8 5 2

♦ K 10 9

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Double

Opening lead - seven of hearts.

North

sequence showed an excellent diamond suit and a reasonable chance for nine tricks in notrump.

East doubled three notrump, thus commanding West to lead the suit that dummy had bid. Delighted with the double, West led his clubs and led the seven of hearts. Dummy's ten lost to the jack and East returned the deuce of clubs.

South could have saved a hand of points by playing his nine of clubs on the deuce, but, in an effort to hold himself to down one, he played the king. West won with the ace and led another heart.

East cashed five heart tricks and the jack of clubs and then returned a spade, whereupon West took the set of spades and cashed the Q-K of clubs to bring his side to twelve tricks. West now led a spade to East's king and poor South went down nine - 2,980 points!

North was primarily responsible for the debacle. His heart bid was strictly for the birds, but even worse was his failure to rescue South from three notrump doubled. This was an error of major proportions, and he paid a horrible penalty for it.

South should have realized that his partner was expecting normal values from him — which North knew very well he didn't have. He should have baled out the white flag and bid four diamonds.

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Thursday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Aср	Maghreb	Isha
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Medina	4:26	5:45	12:26	3:53	6:54	8:24
Nejd	4:00	5:26	11:57	3:23	6:25	7:55

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4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
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6:30 George	Kotter For Vice Principal
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter	Rattler's Class Of 63
7:25 Rickford Files	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.
8:13 NFL Football	

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Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	39	26	Nejran	36	18
Jeddah	36	25	Ak-Jauf	34	22
Riyadh	40	22	Aar	36	23
Dhahran	33	19	Ratma	38	22
Medina	39	25	Bisha	35	19
Taif	30	17	Abha	26	10

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2:00 Opening	10:05 Meccage to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quran	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Melody Makers
2:3- 3:0 in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:10 Music
3:40 Music	12:15 Mood Music
3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
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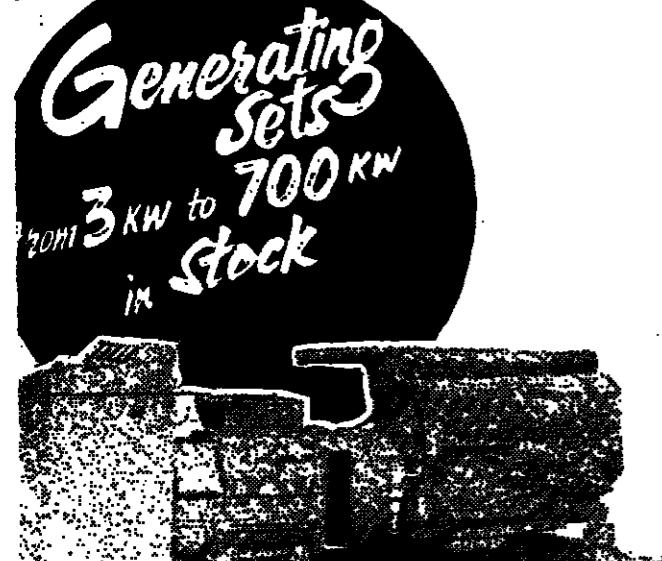
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Black unions get bargaining rights

CAPE TOWN, May 2 (AP) — South Africa's white minority government accepted Wednesday "in principle" far-ranging recommendations that would dismantle three decades of racial discrimination on the job.

Minister of Labor Fanie Botha announced the acceptance at a news conference here. The South African Parliament was almost sure to go along with the government decision, since the ruling National Party controls 135 of the legislative body's 165 seats.

The recommendations were contained in a 60-page report made public and tabled Tuesday for immediate debate in the parliament by a 14-member commission, headed by Prof. Nic Wiehahn, a white South African

Indian princes get aid despite privy purse loss

NEW DELHI, May 2 (R) — Seven years after losing their tax-free privy purses and other privileges, some of India's former princely rulers are still getting state aid.

Not all claimants are successful, but so far 70 former princes and dependents have received grants totalling 106 million rupees (\$13.2 million).

The grants, announced in Parliament Wednesday by Minister of State for Home Affairs Dhanik Lal Mandal, are to help them adjust to their "changed circumstances."

Before they were stripped of their titles and privileges, some 320 maharajas and other rulers were receiving tax-free incomes totalling 48 million rupees (\$6 million) a year.

But former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had the constitution amended to abolish the privileges princes were entitled to under the covenants by which they merged their states with India at independence in 1947.

labor expert, after two years of study.

Botha said the government approved the concept of free association, which would allow black unions to participate in collective bargaining for the first time in South Africa.

His government, he said, also accepted the commission's recommendation that job reservation be abolished. The Job Reservation Act guarantees, under the law, certain skilled and semi-skilled jobs for whites only.

Botha also said that the government approved the recognition of the previously unrecognized black unions and made no bones about why.

"It's more difficult to contain the position of an unregistered trade union which is free to move into politics," he explained.

"It's a much more dangerous situation than when they are under the guidance of the government and, at all times, in consultation with the government."

Earlier Wednesday, Wiehahn had predicted that "90 percent" of his commission's proposals would be accepted by the government.

His commission found that South African laws here "not up to date" with practices followed by subsidiaries of foreign corporations, as well as some South African companies that adhered to employment codes, he said.

"Practice outdeveloped law," Wiehahn said, making it necessary

to revamp legislation in order to "normalize relations with different population groups."

He said allowing blacks to participate in trade unions, and eventually eliminating the reservation of skilled jobs for whites will make the biggest dent in laws currently regulating the labor force, estimated at between five million and six million, with 70 per cent of them black.

The 14-member commission in its two year study, took into account the various codes used by local and foreign firms, including about 100 American companies operating in South Africa, that are aimed at eliminating discrimination against non-white workers, Wiehahn said.

The commission report, released Tuesday, recommended the repeal of legislation enforcing separate facilities for black and white employees in stores, offices and factories and also urged equal pay for equal work and integration of now all-white unions.

But, the commission left it to the employer to decide on integration facilities and the unions to determine their membership, taking the government away from the enforcement of discriminatory laws without putting it in a position of forcing integration.

"To move the system from a discriminatory one to a non-discriminatory one - you can't do these things overnight," Wiehahn cautioned.

Noting that the closed shop, whereby employees must pay union dues, is a "well established practice in our system as it is in the rest of the world," Wiehahn said the concept would be kept under close scrutiny and stopped if found to be violating interests of individuals or a particular group.

Wiehahn predicted that opening apprenticeships to blacks for the first time would make an impact in the "medium to long run," because of the current backlog and education handicaps of most blacks.

The South African labor force would begin to take a different shape in 10 years time, he said, with it eventually moving in "the direction of the democratization of the system giving full play to the forces of labor democracy in the system."

Botha said Wednesday the government would announce in a white paper next Tuesday, how fast it is prepared to go in implementing the Wiehahn proposals.

The opposition spokesman in parliament on labor, Alex Boraine, welcomed the report as a dramatic shift from the government policy of racial segregation.

He cautioned, however, that allowing trade unions to prescribe their own membership requirements could lead to the formation of three unions — black, white and mixed — all competing against each other in the same industry.

"This could offset many positive features of the report," Boraine said.

Attie Nieuwoudt, one commission member, and president of the 200,000-member South African Federation of Labor, rejected almost all of the key recommendations. His action indicated that many white unions might be hostile to black participation in a unitary labor system.

Nieuwoudt was in favor of maintaining statutory work reservation for whites proposed that black workers be prohibited from joining any trade union in South Africa.



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\$ 111m to maintain Phantoms

Pentagon prepares arms sale to Turkey

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)

The Pentagon moved Wednesday to sell Turkey \$ 111 million in spare parts, ammunition and other help to maintain its U.S.-built Phantom jet fighter planes.

The Defense Department notified Congress of the proposed sale, stressing that the action "provides concrete evidence of U.S. support for NATO and for Turkey."

He did not mention a main source of U.S. concern — several intelligence monitoring stations from which the United States observes and checks on certain Soviet missile tests and other military developments inside the Soviet Union. With the closing of U.S. monitoring stations in neighboring Iran, the Turkish stations have taken on additional importance in any verification of a SALT agreement with the Soviet Union.

Turkey owns 65 F-4E fighter planes and eight RF-4C reconnaissance models. These are among the most modern weapons in a Turkish arsenal which defense analysts say has deteriorated seriously as a result of the 1975-1978 U.S. arms embargo against the Turks for using American-furnished arms in the 1974 invasion of Cyprus.

Gen. David Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the Senate Foreign Relations Com-

mittee Monday that U.S. military leaders are "concerned over the current situation in Turkey and the implications of that situation for regional stability and the security of NATO's southern flank."

Jones supported the administration's request for \$ 50 million in outright military grant aid for Turkey in the 1980 fiscal year starting in October.

It said that "substantial security assistance is needed to replenish Turkish stocks of parts and equipment and to make even modest progress in modernization."

Arms talks

Sadat sees Somali official

CAIRO, May 2 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat met Wednesday visiting Somali Foreign Minister, Abdel Rahman Barre, and presumably discussed military cooperation between the two countries.

Neither the Somalis nor Egyptian spokesman was available for comment on the meeting which took place at Sadat's house 16 miles north of Cairo. But the official Middle East News Agency said Barre was accompanied by Somali Defense Minister Brig. Omar Hajji.

Egypt has been providing Somalia with arms, but the Somalis have cut ties with Cairo.



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Iran

day afternoon around a central jail in downtown Tehran as inmates who attempted a jailbreak Tuesday clung to control of parts of the prison building, police said.

They said the prisoners had briefly held some jail guards hostage on Tuesday, but released

Sadat

In Singapore, meanwhile, Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak said Wednesday that his country did not feel isolated despite its diplomatic break with several Arab countries.

Mubarak told reporters that Egypt, after signing the treaty, was concentrating on a "comprehensive solution" for the Middle East problem.

The Egyptian vice-president, who arrived in Singapore Tuesday for a three-day visit, said that Egypt enjoyed the goodwill of many countries and was not entirely dependent on the U.S.

them later. The guards' weapons were believed to be in the inmates' hands.

Revolutionary militiamen blocked off streets around the jail near the capital's central Ferdowsi Street.

Guards said the prison housed some 200 to 300 inmates. They are reputed to include several ex-members of the Shah's notorious secret police, arrested following the February revolution.

A police officer at a police station behind the jail said prisoners had been in control of their quarters since Tuesday afternoon. He said negotiations with the prisoners Tuesday had been unsuccessful.

"The former enemies will be able to meet as friends. It will be a most moving experience."

Begin disclosed that Vance would attend the meeting between him and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the north Sinai coastal town of El Arish on May 27, two days after Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai coast.

I agreed to Mr. Sadat's proposal that we invite him," the premier said. "And President Sadat agreed to my proposal that we both take with us to El Arish a party of war invalids from both sides.

Dayan also said that he believed the nonaligned nations would "stand strongly and back the peace efforts," in the Middle East.

He said President Sadat

enjoyed the support of the Egyptian military and people in signing the peace treaty with Israel.

Asked whether the gap between Egypt and other Arab countries was widening, Dayan said: "I don't really think the gap between Egypt and the rejectionists is getting wider. We feel that Sadat is very sure of himself and his ways. I feel that with time, more and more countries will support the peace process and reject the rejectionists' way."

Dayan left for Singapore Wednesday at the end of his four-day official visit to Burma.

No withdrawal

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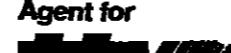
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